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Why tourism region split still murky

by ANGELICA BLENICH
 Times Staff

In an ongoing effort to change the new tourism regions, the county of Haliburton is continuing to pressure the province by petitioning the government.

The minister of tourism announced the formation of 13 new tourism regions in December 2009. In these new regions the county of Haliburton is split between regions 11 and 12.

Unhappy with this decision, officials from the county have been questioning the logic behind the split and lobbying the government for change regarding the matter. Local business owners and tourism operators throughout the county similarly feel the split is not in Haliburton's best interest.

The Arts Council of Haliburton has issued its own letter to the community asking residents to make their opinions

see LETTER page 35



An Olympic Winterfest

Residents of Kinmount celebrated Canadian pride with an Olympic-themed Winterfest at the fairgrounds on Saturday Feb. 27. More photos on page 3. Photo by Angelica Blenich

Future of community centres up for debate

by CHAD INGRAM
 Times Staff

Minden Hills township is putting together a report on the use and upkeep of its rural community centres.

Community centres in Lochlin, Gelert and Irondale came under the control of the township upon amalgamation, but the upkeep of these buildings has fallen to volunteer committees, some of whose members are upset that the township does little to maintain the buildings.

Last week, the township was informed of a broken water pump at the Lochlin facility and Councillor Barb Reid told her colleagues she thought the township should be picking up the bill.

"Why can't we make basic maintenance to a building we own?" Reid asked.

It was then that Councillor Lisa Schell informed Reid that staff members were compiling a report on the issue and councillors agreed they would wait for the report before deciding what responsibilities should fall to the township and which should belong to the committees.

Schell said the report would also look at the usage levels at each building and the viability of keeping each open and said it completed as soon as this month.

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"Doves" was chosen as People's Choice. This overall favourite photo was taken by Karen LeClair.



Connie Sawyer's photo was the winner of the winter scenes category.



"Maximillian" taken by Laura Cunliffe was chosen as winner in the winter critter category.

Photo contest winners announced

Names of the winners in the 2010 Winterfest Minden Photo Contest were announced Feb. 25 at the township's council meeting. Submissions were received in all four categories: winter activity, winter scenes, winter people and winter critters.

Judges selected a winner in each of the winter scenes and winter critters categories.

All photos were on display at the Minden Cultural Centre on Saturday, Feb. 14 and at the Community Centre on the 15th and 16th. Votes were collected for the People's Choice Award.

The panel of judges, both experienced photographers, scored the images submitted on their centre of interest, composition, focus, exposure, creativity and the story be-

ing told.

The judges' selection for winner in the winter scenes category was an untitled photo of some snow-covered trees taken from Bobcaygeon Road near Minden by Connie Sawyer.

The judges' selection for winner in the winter critters category was a photo called "Maximillian" taken by Laura Cunliffe at her home off Deep Bay Road.

As there was only one entry in each of the other two categories, no winner was declared in those categories.

The winner of the People's Choice category for overall favourite was a photo called "Doves" taken by Karen LeClair at her home near Kinmount.

Organizers of the photo contest were pleased with the quality of the submissions. Director of community services Rick Cox congratulated the winners and thanked all of the people who entered the contest. Each winner receives a cash prize of \$5 for their efforts.

Submitted by Minden Hills township

Dysart man charged in Minden collision

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands detachment have charged a male after responding to a report of a motor vehicle collision on Highway 35 in Minden Hills early Feb. 27 morning.

An officer attended the scene and spoke to the driver of the vehicle involved. The driver was subsequently arrested and taken to the Haliburton Highlands detachment.

A 20-year-old man from Dysart et al has been charged with impaired driving and driving over 80 mgs.

Glen Dart Tournament set to go this weekend


The Highland Storm's annual curtain call, better known as the Glen Dart Hockey tournament, spins into action at the Dysart et al arena beginning this weekend (March 5-7).

The tourney gets underway with opening ceremonies on Friday, March 5 at 6:45 p.m.

After the introductions, the Highland Storm teams will jump into action, with games slated every hour on the hour from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday followed by a hectic Saturday slate that begins at 8 a.m. and goes right through to the final game at 8 p.m.

The Senior B final is slated for Sunday at 10 a.m. and the B final will go on Sunday at 11 a.m.

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Kinmount Winterfest celebrates Olympic spirit

by ANGELICA BLENICH
Times Staff

Residents of Kinmount caught some of the infectious Canadian Olympic spirit at Winterfest on Feb. 27 as children and adults alike came out and showed their true Olympic pride in the form of homemade decorated cardboard toboggans and glowing hearts and faces.

The all-day event began at the Kinmount fairgrounds with an Olympic parade, featuring Kinmount's own Olympic torchbearer Cathy King. Following the parade kids of all ages lined up their toboggans for the downhill dash contest.

Other activities throughout the day included a scavenger hunt, pony rides, skating and delicious wintertime goodies such as chili and beaver tails.



Tim and Sue Dier, above, carry their homemade toboggan in front of the crowd in Kinmount on Feb. 27. The Olympic-themed Winterfest included a downward dash contest featuring cardboard toboggans of all shapes and sizes, such as the Flying Dutch Girl, below. /Photos Angelica Blenich



The spirit of the Olympics was present at Winterfest, which featured a beautifully crafted inukshuk.



It wasn't all fun and games for residents of Kinmount as some of the tobogganers failed to make it down the hill.



Participants get ready for the downward dash to begin.

Winning artist drawing since age three

by ANGELICA BLENICH
Times Staff

When she was just a little girl her mother use to call her whistling dixie.

Now at the age of 12 some might say she's still just a young girl, but Beth Foster is out to prove them wrong.

With the help of an impressive portfolio and a recent exhibit distinction, Beth has already begun to make a name for herself in the competitive world of art.

Supported by her mother, Foster decided to enter a piece entitled "Tender Memories" into a members only exhibit at Rails End Gallery titled Home Sweet Home.

"I was encouraged by people to enter her in shows," says mother Louis Foster. "This is the first show she's entered."

Although knowing her daughter possessed talent, even Louis was pleased with the outcome of her decision, as Beth was recognized with the best student award for her piece in the show, which ran from Jan. 23 to Feb. 20.

One of the youngest participants to enter in the show, Beth's overnight claim to fame is anything but. The

young artist has been working towards her craft since the tender age of three.

"She's been drawing since she was little," says Louis, "and when other kids her age were drawing stick figures she was creating sketches with incredible detail in them."

The self-starter grew up fascinated with drawing pictures of simple childhood subjects such as horses and mermaids. Later, watercolour paintings of Pocahontas soon began to fill her time and subsequently her portfolio.

"I like doing my own thing," says Beth in reference to what inspires her artwork. "My style has developed over the years. In the future I would like to try acrylics and eventually oil paintings."

Even with the recent recognition Beth, who admits it might be fun to enroll in a class one day, still remains her humble and shy self.

"I'm not the only one who has a talent," she says. "I just love art so I keep doing it."

Up next for the young artist is a stab at the upcoming banner contest in Minden. This year's contest theme, which is wild and whimsical, is a bit of a stretch from



Angelica Blenich/TIMES

Beth Foster, 12, has already begun making a name for herself in the art world.

what Beth is used to creating, but nevertheless the artist is up for the challenge.

"I decided to try and draw my own version of a dragon," she says. "I didn't want to create a typical dragon and I wanted to put my own twist on it."

So far those twists seem to be working out.

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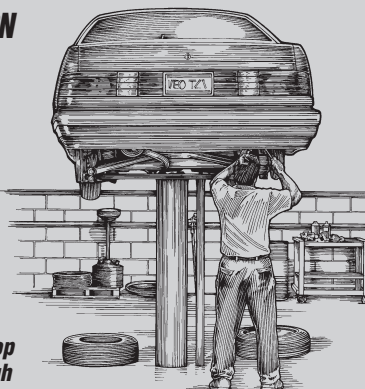
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Water tower is underway

Minden's water tower project is well on its way.

Construction began on Jan. 4 on the service road that leads to the site of the planned water tower at the top of Mount Minden, the large hill at the village's south end.

Winding its way from St. Germain Street to the top of the hill where Minden's current water reservoir sits, crews from Eagleson Excavating have been clearing, blasting and chipping away for almost two months to prep the road for a construction project that will erect a 22.5-metre-tall water tower at the top of the hill.

The tower will measure 16.5 metres in

width and have a capacity of 1,500 cubic metres. Two thirds of the estimated \$2-million project is being paid for by the federal and provincial governments through the Building Canada Fund.

Minden Hills environment and property manager Peter Brown said earlier this week that he expects construction of the actual tower to begin in June.

Tenders for that portion of the project are open until March 18.

While township staff had originally hoped the tower would be completed by the end of 2010, Brown said it could be the spring of 2011 before the project is done. He said he would have a better idea of a timeline later this spring.

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Facebook changing face of politics

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The face of municipal politics is changing, or at least that's what Algonquin Highlands Councillor Carol Moffatt will tell you.

Moffatt recently started a fan page on Facebook, becoming the first Haliburton County politician to embrace social media in such a way.

"It's an experiment in engagement," Moffatt said earlier this week, explaining that she hoped starting a fan page on the popular site would help get residents of the township and county more involved in the local political process.

Moffatt said she thinks there is a misconception for some residents over what municipal politics are.

"We don't sit around making decisions with a tub of gin and a deck of cards," she said.

Moffatt said she hopes the Facebook page will provide her constituents with another method through which to contact her.

"A lot of people are afraid to pick up the phone," she said.

With 49 fans and counting, Moffatt also

uses the page as a means to promote local municipal events, such as the recently held Dorset Snowball, and to educate people on major happenings, such as the upcoming changes Canada Post will be making in the county.

While there have been no discussion topics posted yet, Moffatt said she hopes people will take advantage of the page.

"I hope they don't yell at me on it," she said, but added she was sure that sooner or later, someone would in fact yell at her on it.

Moffatt is relatively new to Facebook, starting up her account around Christmastime.

She admits she held out for years against the popular social networking site, saying she thought it was "creepy."

However, her fairly frequent activity on the site would suggest that Moffatt is getting comfortable with the whole Facebook thing.

"So far it's fun," she said.

In her mid-40s, Moffatt is one of the county's youngest politicians. She said earlier this week that she thinks increased engagement in local politics through social technology will lead to changes in the demography of local governments.

Specifically, Moffatt said she thought more young people and more women would get involved in local politics in the not-so-distant future.

Moffatt stressed that the page has nothing to do with the upcoming municipal election this fall, pointing out that campaigning before one has announced their intention to run for office is illegal.

Moffatt confirmed that she will be running in the fall election, but said she was undecided in what capacity.

A number of people in the county have expressed the opinion that Moffatt should be running for reeve of Algonquin Highlands.

Long-time reeve Eleanor Harrison has indicated she will not be seeking re-election.

No market for Minden

Minden will not be holding an outdoor market this summer.

Nine downtown Minden merchants decided at a meeting at the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce last week that they did not wish to take part in the Markets on Main program.

That program, the brainchild of Toronto-based consultant Jack Dougan, would have seen Minden hold an outdoor market one day a week for 11 weeks during the summer, the market focusing on art, food and fashion.

Dougan's hope was that the communities of Fenelon Falls, Peterborough, Bancroft and Haliburton would also participate in the program so that there would

be a market somewhere in the region on most days throughout the summer.

However, Dougan was met with some skepticism when he presented his idea to local merchants in early February, and chamber manager Maria Micallef said local business owners simply had too many qualms with the program.

"It was very apparent that the downtown merchants didn't want it to happen," Micallef said, explaining that their main concerns seemed to be parking, closing off the main street and having competition come in from out of town.

Micallef said it is possible the chamber may look at a locally run market in the future.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

We need our community centres

COMMUNITIES need rallying points.

They need places to gather in times of celebration and emergency.

Minden Hills councillors should keep this in mind as they consider the future of the community centres in Lochlin, Gelert and Irondale.

Reports being compiled by township staff are examining usage, costs and the viability of keeping them all open.

The bottom line here is that all three should remain open.

These centres not only provide social venues in which to play cards and hold dinners, they contribute to the civic pride and character of their communities.

And, in a municipality that is made up of a number of former townships, these buildings offer a historical connection to the area once known as Snowden.

It should also be noted that since these buildings came under the control of Minden Hills upon amalgamation a decade or so ago, the township has spent zero dollars on them.

Zip. Zilch. Nada.

It's up to volunteer committees to raise funds to keep the buildings in Lochlin, Gelert and Irondale open.

This seems unfair, seeing how the township shovels about a quarter-million bucks a year into the Minden community centre and arena.

It's encouraging that it looks like council will be awarding each of these facilities \$2,000 in this year's budget to offset costs, but council should consider the importance of these buildings in the long term.

The situation is reminiscent of the fall of 2008 when Algonquin Highlands was considering closing the community centre at Oxtongue Lake.

The residents there rallied together to express their displeasure and Algonquin Highlands is now putting thousands of dollars into repairs at the facility.

The sad truth is that if any of these facilities are shut down or sold, they will never reopen and new ones will never be built.

Communities such as Lochlin, Gelert and Irondale are not going to experience population booms any time soon, but shutting down their community centres is inviting them to become ghost towns.



EDITORIAL

Chad Ingram



IMAGES OF THE HIGHLANDS

Kinmount's Olympics

Photo by Angelica Blenich

TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Consider not using bottled water

To the Editor,

It has been less than two decades since bottled water moved out of its specialty niche to become the largest profit centre for the industry with sales outstripping those of soft drinks. On March 11 Environment Haliburton is joining with other groups to ask that we all take a close look at the industry and consider avoiding bottled water when tap water is available.

The industry does have impacts. Twenty-five per cent of bottled water comes from our taps. Bottled water taken from aquifers and groundwater has the potential of disrupting the local water supply. Tap water is constantly monitored. Bottled water facilities may be inspected every three to five years. Since 2000 there have been 49 recalls of bottled water, only five of which have been made public. The plastic in the bottles may leach

toxins into the water and into our bodies. Less than half of the plastic bottles, made from hydrocarbons, are recycled. Bottled water companies pay next to nothing for our water resource and extract good profits from the sale of our resource.

Water has been a common good, available at low cost to all. With bottled water, water is becoming a commodity, available to those who can afford it. Is this the future we wish the future generations to inherit? For more information visit www.bottledwaterfreeday.ca and www.polaris-institute.org.

And don't forget Earth Hour, March 27. Turn off your lights between 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. After the debacle at Copenhagen, let's show our representatives that we demand the changes needed to minimize greenhouse gas emissions.

**Heather Ross, president
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IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Snakes and ladders

THIS MORNING I noticed a photo on the Internet of a man who had his jaws wrapped around the mid-section of a snake. The caption indicated that this guy makes his livelihood doing this and other cool things.

Between you and me, this upset me quite a bit. After all, here was yet another promising career path that our educational system failed to tell me about. Look, I'm not saying that this would have been the right career for me; but I do think it would have been nice to have had that option.

In hindsight, I suppose it was actually a lucky break. I mean, I've never been good at keeping my mouth shut. More importantly, how much of a living could a person really make from putting a living reptile in his mouth? Even more to the point, what kind of idiot would give money just to see that?

No matter; the closest that anyone ever got to pointing me in that direction was when one high school guidance councillor told me

that I could be anything I wanted to be.

"You mean I can be a great pro basketball player?" I exclaimed.

"Uh, no," he said. "Given your height, athletic ability and lack of coordination, that's extremely unlikely."

"How about a nuclear physicist then?"

"You'd really have to improve your math, chemistry and physics grades...oh, and IQ."

"An auto mechanic?"

"Your shop teacher

says you have virtually no mechanical aptitude. You put gas in the battery of his car last week, remember?"

"A boxer?"

"You signed yourself out of gym class for a week because you chipped a nail," he muttered.

I guess we were getting to it by process of elimination. But we never did get there.

Instead, like many people, I wandered around lost in the career desert for several years before somebody in human resources at the place I worked at suggested I take an aptitude test.

After spending what seemed to be an hour answering questions and solving problems, the unlikely result was revealed.

"It says here that you should be a columnist," she giggled.

"Me, a columnist? I

can't imagine it," I said.

Neither could she. In fact, she so wanted to save the world from this fate that she recommended I be promoted to management in a field that I had no aptitude for at all. Heck,

it had worked for her.

So I spent the next 10 years doing just that and there wasn't a snake in sight.

To be fair to all, I have to say that times were different back then. We weren't very imaginative about career possibilities.

When I was young, for instance, career day was a fairly bland non-event. You'd sit in a classroom and listen to brief presentations from doctors, lawyers, police officers, firefighters, soldiers, government workers, architects, contractors, carpenters, plumbers and retailers – they weren't exactly bursting with enthusiasm either.

Believe me, not once did a guy with a snake in his mouth walk in and tell us about how he made a living.

Trust me. I would have remembered. Heck, I might have even given money to see it.

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BEYOND35

Steve Galea

Looking for Livingstone

UP HERE ON SAPSUCKER RIDGE, the annual swarming of the snowmobiles is one of the certain signs that winter's back is surely broken.

Oh, there will be moths in the sap buckets and the first ants will be scouting the kitchen floor soon enough but that's all in the future. First of all, on a wild weekend in late February or early March, there comes the swarming.

The road past our driveway always is a busy place on winter weekends and it has been again this year ever since all that snow came down on us way back in December.

A stretch of the snowmobilers' provincial trail network shares a half-mile of my road from near the Kernohan weigh scale to where it turns to follow the old Hay Road north, right across from my driveway.

To tell the truth, my road doesn't belong to me exactly, or to anybody else, for that matter. It lies on an unopened township road allowance, which means anybody can use it and nobody can order them off it.

A snowplow and a trail groomer take turns with winter maintenance, somehow contradicting one another.

On sunny winter days, The Brown Dog

Jiggs and I drive into town with a window rolled down, listening for the music of snow machines coming over a hill. Jiggs barks and I wave at each of them as they go by.

Platoons of tourists appear with a roar, nigh on \$100,000 worth of machines and snowmobile suits and motel reservations in a flock of them, and most of them stop right there at the end of my drive.

From either direction the turn is obvious, so the halt must be some kind of ritual genuflection to the great god Bombardier. Or perhaps they just want to look through my gate and wonder why anybody would live way out here.

They confer over a map together. Peering over the shoulder of the guy holding the map must make them feel as though they are on an expedition. Perhaps, if they persist, they'll find Livingstone. The township, I presume, not the doctor.

That's one band of winter warriors. The

other gang follows my road all the way to its end and then rides round and round in circles on Big Bob Lake until the whole

snowy surface is as paved as a parking lot.

They are a civilized bunch for the most part, far past the rapscallion days that gave snowmobilers such a bad reputation at the start. The hobby has become too expensive for rapscallions.

All winter long the roar of passing machines each weekend keeps The Brown Dog Jiggs on high alert but then comes a Saturday like the one just past that sends him into a state of

hysteria.

In the brief snatches of silence between long stretches of howling technology, all of Sapsucker Ridge seems stunned by the uproar.

Why this one weekend each year? Is it that snowmobilers like only the part of winter that is snow and the cold not so much? Do

they wait until there is a whole lot of the one and the other has almost run out?

Or is it a whole bunch of people in the same melting week realizing that the days left to get a pleasurable return on their considerable investment are dwindling down to a precious few?

Whatever. The Brown Dog and I flee back into the sugar bush, where the revving of the beaters from the ice-racing track only a couple of miles away fills in any silences.

Later we head out again after all that technology, or most of it, has been put to bed for the night. Clouds race past a full moon, like galleons on the Spanish Main.

Sometimes a hole in the cloud cover as big as Anson Township opens up and you could read a newspaper, or at least its headlines, in the Haliburton night.

Then a wisp of overcast drifts gossamer over the opening, pulling behind it an ink-blot of a cloud that drowns the moon shine and the night turns black again.

Hey, that must be it! The full moon must raise the tide of snow machines. Do they swim up here to spawn?

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BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

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Gonyea issue goes on for Minden Hills council

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Minden Hills councillors were visited by legal counsel representing Twin Lakes Resort at a council meeting last week.

Toronto-based land lawyer Jeffrey E. Streisfield told councillors on Feb. 25 that Gonyea Eaves and Siding Renovations should be allowed to continue to operate

out of a resort building at the junction of Mountain and Twelve Mile lakes.

The location of the business has been a topic of discussion for council during the past four months and at a Feb. 11 committee-of-the-whole meeting, councillors voted down official plan and zoning by-law amendments to allow Gonyea to stay in that location.

The township official plan states that

only commercial enterprises that are marinas, tourism or waterfront contracting businesses can be located within 300 metres of any body of water.

However, Streisfield said last week that in his opinion, no official plan amendment is even required for Gonyea to continue operating on the resort property since the official plan allows contracting businesses to be located in waterfront areas.

Streisfield said that the business poses no harmful impacts for the environment.

"It really is a showroom," he said, pointing out that no actual construction work is done at the site.

Streisfield also pointed out that there was no issue with the land use under the township's previous chief building official.

"I understand that the new CBO, Ken Jones, has a different opinion and was the first person from the township to advise Gonyea that his proposed use as a contractor was not permitted," he said.

Streisfield said there had also been substantial investment in the beautification of the aging building.

"I therefore urge council to reject the recommendations of its planning consultant – being to deny all applications – and approve same in principle subject to agreement on wording of an OPA [official plan amendment] and rezoning," Streisfield wrote in a submission to council. "Please note that I have no difficulty if council were to approve an OPA [subject to agreement on the wording] that is not required

or that may serve to clarify matters."

Planner Rick Hunter, who was actually the architect of Minden's official plan, was also there speaking on behalf of the resort owners.

"I feel it's a reasonable matter to be looking at," Hunter told councillors, adding that he wasn't sure that Gonyea didn't fit the definition for a waterfront contractor.

Councillor Rick Ratcliff questioned how Gonyea could possibly be considered a waterfront contractor when the business had previously been located in Minden and wondered why Hunter hadn't included a more exact definition when he'd drawn up the official plan.

Hunter responded that official plans tend to be very general in nature and set principles as opposed to specific guidelines.

Councillor Bill Obee said he was concerned that allowing what was essentially a retail venture to remain at the location would set a precedent and wondered what would stop the resort from turning the small cabins along the shore of Mountain Lake into retail shops.

Instead of officially passing the recommendations they had made at the committee-of-the-whole meeting earlier this month, councillors voted to defer discussion on the matter to a later meeting so they would have time to consider the new information that had been presented to them.

The Times was unable to reach Paul Gonyea for comment.



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At a Haliburton Highlands Health Services board meeting last week, HHHS CEO Paul Rosebush told board members that ultrasound technology could be available at the Haliburton HHHS facility as soon as the end of March.

While the facility did provide ultrasound services for a number of years, for more than two years now pregnant women from the area have had to travel to facilities in Lindsay or Peterborough for updates on their fetuses.

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(Miller/Jennings, Part of Lot 36, Concession A, geographic Township of Lutterworth)

TAKE NOTICE that the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills passed By-law No. 10-13 on the 25th day of February, 2010 under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990.

AND TAKE NOTICE any person or agency may appeal a by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills not later than the 23rd day of March, 2010, a Notice of Appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection, accompanied by a fee of \$125.00, made payable to the Minister of Finance, as prescribed under the Ontario Municipal Board Act.

An explanation of the purpose and effect of the by-law, describing the lands to which the by-law applies, and a key map showing the location of the lands to which the by-law applies are available for inspection in my office during regular office hours.

DATED at the Township of Minden Hills this 3rd day of March, 2010.

C. McCarroll, CLERK,

TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

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MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Mar 11 COTW Meeting Council Chambers 9 a.m.
Mar 22 Special Council Meeting 1 p.m.
Budget Deliberations Public Meeting to follow
a) 2010 Tariff of Fees &
b) 2010 Budget Changes
Mar 25 Council - Council Chambers
9 a.m. Consideration of 2010 Budget

TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS MINDEN ELEVATED TANK – PHASE 2 CONTRACT No. 08-2694-B

Tenders sealed in the envelope provided, clearly marked as to its contents, will be received by the **Township of Minden Hills - Environmental and Property Operations Department** located at 7 Milne Street, P.O. Box 359, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 until **11:30 am local time on Thursday March 18, 2010.**

The work generally consists of the supply of all material, equipment and labour necessary for construction of the following:

- 1,500 m3 composite elevated water storage tank complete with interior and exterior coatings;
- process and mechanical piping and equipment at the elevated tank facility;
- upgrades to the existing well pumphouse including process and control modifications;
- all associated site works and ancillary works for a complete functional system.

Contract Documents may be obtained from AECOM at the address listed below upon payment of a non-refundable fee of \$150 (GST included) per set, payable by cheque to AECOM. Contract Documents will be available starting Thursday February 25, 2010.

Contract Documents may be viewed without payment at the Township of Minden Hills - Environmental and Property Operations Department or the office of the Consulting Engineer at the addresses indicated below.

Each tender must be accompanied by a tender deposit in the form of a certified cheque made payable to the Township of Minden Hills for the amount as specified in the Contract Documents.

A non-mandatory site meeting will be held on Thursday March 4, 2010 commencing at 2:00 pm local time at the existing well pumphouse located at 142 Bobcaygeon Road (Bobcaygeon Road & Deep Bay Road) Minden, Ontario.

Tenders are subject to the preparation and execution of a formal agreement. The owner reserves the right to reject any and all tenders and the lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

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Additional Notice of the Passing of a Zoning By-Law Amendment See Page 37



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NOTICE

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING & PUBLIC MEETING *REVISED DATE*

THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING FOR 2010 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FROM THURSDAY, MARCH 18TH, 2010 TO MONDAY, MARCH 22ND, 2010 AT 1:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 7 MILNE STREET, MINDEN.
PUBLIC MEETINGS WILL FOLLOW THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING TO CONSIDER:

- A) TARIFF OF FEES & CHARGES PROPOSED FOR 2010
B) 2010 BUDGET

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REQUEST TENDERS AND QUOTATIONS

- Request for Tenders to Supply: Used Pick-up Truck Minden Hills Community Services Department Deadline for sealed response: March 31, 2010 12:00 pm
Tender opening: March 31, 2010 4:15 pm, Minden Hills Municipal Office
Deadline for delivery: No later than Friday, April 30, 2010

- Request for Quotation to supply: One twin-axle heavy-duty landscaping trailer with specified racks Minden Hills Community Services Department
Deadline for response March 3, 2010 12:00 pm
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Haliburton COUNTY news

Municipal election to be hotly contested across county

by TERRANCE GAVAN
Times Staff

It's still early, but a number of ratepayers from the four local councils have already filed nomination papers for the upcoming municipal elections – slated this year for Oct. 25, 2010.

Deadline for all nominations in Algonquin Highlands, Dysart et al, Minden Hills and Highlands East is Friday, Sept. 10 at 2 p.m.

In Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon and Deputy-Reeve Cheryl Murdoch have already filed nomination papers signaling their intentions to run as incumbents the same positions.

Lisa Schell has filed papers for Ward 1, a spot she currently holds alongside the other Ward 1 councillor Bill Obee. (Ward 1 elects two councillors.) Craig Birchall and Richard Bradley have both filed nomination papers to run for councillor in Ward 2. Barbara Reid is the sitting councillor for the ward.

Other Minden Hills spots up for grabs include councillor at large, held by Peter Oyler, and Ward 3, a spot occupied by Rick Ratcliff.

So far no nomination forms have been received by the Algonquin Highlands municipal office.

Highlands East residents will be voting to fill positions for reeve and four wards.

Highlands East Ward 4 councillor Gary Stoughton has already filed nomination papers denoting his intention to regain his seat on council. Wilberforce constituency resident, Joan Barton has filed papers to run against him.

In Dysart et al, constituents will be voting for reeve, deputy-reeve and for councillors of five wards.

In Dysart, newcomer Val Craftchick filed nomination papers for Ward 4 in the ward currently held by Janis Parker. Dennis Casey has filed papers to run for councillor of Ward 2, a spot held by Derek Knowles, and Martin G. Lacey, a businessman who has a residence in Eagle Lake, has filed papers to run for council in Ward 5, a spot currently held by Dan Kay.

The elections in all four municipalities will be conducted by mail-in balloting.

Thus the municipal office executives in all four municipalities are stressing that it's very important that all constituents' mailing information be up-to-date.

Highlands East and Dysart are also making provisions to have strategically located drop boxes available to residents who wish to drop off their ballots by hand.



Ontario Cup races in Haliburton County

Haliburton cross-country skiers performed well against some of the toughest competition in Ontario as the Haliburton Ski Club hosted the final Ontario Cup at Glebe Park on Feb. 27 and 28. Seventy-five participants, ranging in ages from 11 to 60+, were on hand during the two-day event to represent ski clubs throughout southern Ontario.

Sunday brought excitement as racers used the classic technique in mass-start races.

/Photo by Angelica Blenich

Rural health issues know no borders

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Haliburton County is by no means the only rural community facing myriad challenges in the provision of health care, in Canada, or south of the border.

At a Haliburton Highlands Health Services board meeting on Feb. 25, HHHS CEO Paul Rosebush gave members a presentation exploring rural health-care trends in the United States.

The digital presentation was actually created by Terry Hill, the executive director of the Rural Health Resource Center in Duluth, Minn., whom Rosebush had met at a conference.

"Our challenges are not restricted to our LHIN (Local Health Integration Network), our province or our country," Rosebush said.

Those challenges include an aging baby boomer population putting increased demand on health-care institutions, a shortage of health-care professionals and facing reduced revenues and increased operating costs.

"Costs are going up everywhere, not just in Canada," Rosebush said.

He said the mission for Haliburton County was very similar to that of rural American areas – increasing access to health care while concentrating costs.

"This board knows that's what we talk about every month," he said.

Some solutions being looked at here and in the U.S. include electronic medical records and telemedicine ports.

HHHS is already equipped with telemedicine ports, two-way screens that allow far-off specialists to consult with patients.

"We're not quite at the electronic medical records stage yet because of LHIN funding limitations," Rosebush said, adding that electronic records improve efficiency because they mean less travelling for patients and reduce the chance of error due to illegible handwriting.

Rosebush said nearly 50,000 deaths occur annually in the U.S. due to medical error and while Canada's numbers are nowhere near that high, he pointed to two accidental mastectomies in Windsor earlier this week as proof we are not immune to the problem.

The presentation included other general statistics, such as the fact that the U.S. spends more per capita on health care than Canada.

American per capita health-care costs are approximately \$7,000, while in Canada, that number is \$4,000.

Despite the bigger payout, America's health-care system is ranked 37th in the world according to the WHO, while Canada's is ranked 30th.



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New hangar too expensive, MBC says

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The Maple, Beech and Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners' Association (MBC) is frowning at the idea of a new hangar building at the Stanhope Airport.

A new hangar building is being considered by council as part of its 2010 budget and airport manager John Packer has estimated the cost at \$80,000.

The new building, like the existing hangars at the airport, would be leased out to pilots.

In a letter to Algonquin Highlands council and adminis-

tration dated Feb. 23, MBC vice-president Andy Muirhead wrote, "this proposal to construct township-owned hangars is an unnecessarily expensive and risky manner of achieving this goal [of increasing revenues at the airport]."

Muirhead also contested that at fees of \$12,000 a year, it would take the township seven years to pay off the new building, meaning no net revenue from the investment during that time.

"I don't really think he's researched it well enough," Deputy-reeve Tom Gardner said in response to Muirhead's letter.

Gardner said that Muirhead had neglected to factor in

the money the township makes from leasing out its hangars and noted the reason the township is considering a new building is that there is a waiting list of pilots who wish to rent hangar space.

While he said he wasn't sure of the exact fees, Gardner said he believed pilots paid about \$10,000 for exclusive right to a hangar slot for an eight-year period.

In his letter, Muirhead also accused the township of shoddy bookkeeping around the airport's budget, making a number of complaints about the way the accounting is done.

For example, Muirhead wrote that, "many costs attributable to the airport are not shown in airport financials," adding these included snow removal and other services provided by staff.

Gardner noted that these costs were listed in other areas, such as maintenance.

"That's municipal bookkeeping," he said.

Algonquin Highlands will not finalize its budget until after the county has finalized its budget for the year. It has a budget meeting planned for later this month.

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Nominate your Enviro-Hero

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) invites you to nominate Enviro-Heroes to be honoured at our Gala Celebration of Environmental Excellence on the evening of Friday, May 28 at the Minden Hills Community Centre.

An Enviro-Hero has made a major contribution to the protection and sustainability of our natural resources and environment through education, stewardship, healthy living, "green" business or the arts in Haliburton County. An Enviro-Hero may be an individual, business, or organization. A distinguished panel will select the winners in each of six categories. The winners will receive an award specially designed by renowned artist, Mary Anne Barkhouse, a past member of HHLT's board of directors.

Enviro-Hero categories

1. Health - a person or organization whose environmental activities promote, exemplify or result in healthy lifestyles.

2. Stewardship - a person, landowner or organization that has provided leadership in conserving and protecting our water, forests, flora, fauna or mineral resources.

3. Education - a person or organization that has effectively organized and delivered environmental education opportunities for children, youth or adults.

4. Business - a business or non-profit organization that has excelled in developing "green" business practices and/or providing "green" products/services that protect the environment.

5. The Arts - an artist who has produced a body of work that celebrates our natural environment.

6. Youth - a student up to 18 years of age who has demonstrated a commitment to the protection and sustainability of our natural resources and environment through education, stewardship, healthy living, or the arts.

Nomination Forms must be submitted by April 2, 2010 and are available online at: <http://www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca/> or by contacting: Barrie Martin, Director Haliburton Highlands Land Trust at 705-754-3436 or email barrie.martin@sympatico.ca.



Feb. 19 to Feb. 21 a group of nine Sparks and Brownies, together with three leaders celebrated 100 years of guiding with a sleepover at the Scout and Guide Hall in Minden. They enjoyed snowshoeing, skating, tobogganing, and indoor games, songs and stories.

Girls celebrate 100th birthday of Guiding

by AMANDA AUSTIN
Special to the Times

As part of our 100th anniversary celebration, the Sparks and Brownies are learning about Girl Guides and guiding traditions from around the world. Each of the girls created a memory book "passport" containing facts they learned about other countries and pictures of their favourite sleepover activities.

There are more exciting events planned to celebrate this 100th anniversary milestone: the Minden Sparks and Brownies will join the Minden Guides and Pathfinders, along with units from Haliburton, at Camp Adelaide

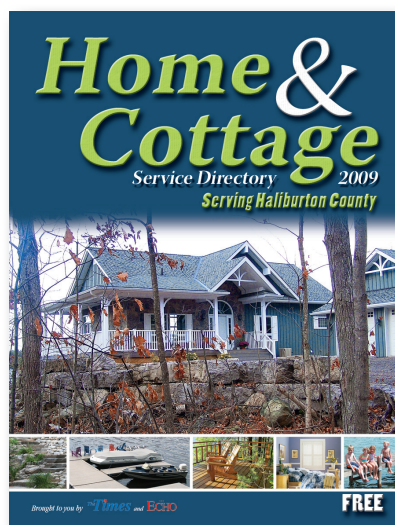
(east of Haliburton) at the end of March.

We will also attend Rally Day with guiding members from all over Ontario, in Toronto in May.

To support these activities, we look forward to selling the classic chocolate and vanilla Girl Guide cookies beginning March 22.

The funds that we raise from these cookie sales help to cover the costs for our girls to participate in fun and educational camps and sleepovers and also to attend a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity like our 100th Rally Day!

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Bowl for kids' sake raises over \$6,000

by ANGELICA BLENICH
Times Staff

Residents bowled for a good cause on Feb. 27 at the Fast Lane in Minden as Big Brothers Big Sisters hosted their annual Bowl For Kids' Sake fundraiser.

This year's bowling event featured 11 teams made up of participants and businesses from throughout the county, raising a total of \$6,440.

The event is the organization's only source of revenue for the entire year and goes towards supporting initiatives such as the in-school mentoring program.

"We rely entirely on this event," says Jim DeFlorio, executive director of the Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton branch of the organization. "The in-school mentoring program is a site-based program that partners up a volunteer with a elementary school child for an hour. Our goal of this initiative is to raise self-esteem."

Although the organization relies heavily on its committed volunteers, DeFlorio says there is always room for more dedicated individuals to join them.

"We're always in need of more volunteers," he says.

Through the relationships created by Big Brothers and Big Sisters, the organization aims to provide the support a child might be lacking.

"Every child has potential," says DeFlorio. "We're not replacing parents but merely adding support. Even if we can only help one child it's worth it."



The Haliburton Lions Club made up one of the 11 participating teams at the fundraiser on Feb. 27.



Young Austin was just one of the many bowlers on hand at the Bowl for Kids fundraiser at the Fast Lane.



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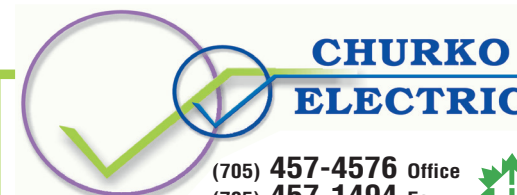
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Another Progressive Conservative wants in

by LISA GERVAIS
Special to the Times

Hats are beginning to fill the ring as Lindsay businessman, Rob Seabrook is the latest candidate for the provincial Progressive Conservation (PC) party in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.

Seabrook joins former Lindsay MPP Laurie Scott and political neophyte Isaac Breadner in announcing their intentions to seek the nod.

The owner of Seabrook Rent-all on Queen Street in Lindsay said he expects at least four or five candidates to come for-

ward in the lead-up to the 2011 provincial election.

"It is going to be a horse race," he predicted during a chat at his business on Feb. 26.

Seabrook said Scott – who gave up her seat for former PC leader John Tory – has a lot of supporters but "if a credible candidate challenges her it will give those people who may have been disappointed in her decision an opportunity to vote for somebody else." That said, Seabrook said he doesn't have a feel for the depth of hard feelings over Scott's decision.

He added he likes current Liberal MPP Rick Johnson and concedes he has been able to bring perks of government to the riding.

He said he would fault Johnson for not keeping residents fully informed about what is new in legislation. He added what is good for the Toronto Liberal base isn't always good for the City of Kawartha Lakes.

Seabrook describes himself as "a small C fiscal Conservative" who is libertarian.

He said he wants to bring a small business perspective to Queen's Park. A local businessman since 1999, and a member of the Canadian Federation of Independent Business and the Lindsay and District Chamber of Commerce, Seabrook said he has kept informed of the challenges the current economy, and current government policies, have placed on small business, including farmers and entrepreneurs in this riding.

He said people have been expressing their concerns on issues such as over-regulation of business, the erosion of individual choice and the massive debt taken on by the current government. Other hot topics are WSIB reform, deregulation, the HST, overall government debt and eroding health services.

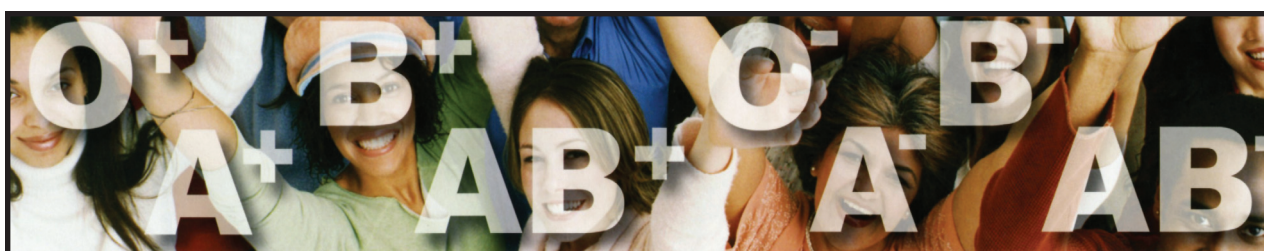
"There's been so many new regulations and Ontario-wide bans that have been foisted upon us and a constant stream of new legislation. It just burrows its way into your life more and more each day. And it won't be any easier with the HST coming in."

Seabrook said it is just another government tax and he does not believe it will be revenue neutral. He said things such as home heating fuels, gas and haircuts will be additionally taxed.

"I'm just like them [other small businesspeople] in that I have risked everything I have to be a business owner. I understand what it's like not to have a guaranteed paycheck at the end of the week.

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Countdown to your Wedding Day!

To help you get a better understanding of how to plan a wedding and when you should be making certain decisions, here's a timeframe you can follow that should ensure that your wedding goes off as smoothly as possible.

10 to 12 Months Before

If you haven't done it already, this is a good time to announce your engagement and introduce your respective families. Since most reception halls and churches have busy wedding schedules, it is also important to book both as early as possible, preferably at least a year in advance of your wedding day. It's also a good idea to start putting together a guest list around this time and ask your parents whom they'd like to invite as well. Also, since your budget will determine just about every aspect of your wedding, sitting down and determining what you can spend, and developing a savings plan should be first and foremost.

6 to 9 Months Before

This is the time when you want to start booking some services, such as a florist, caterer, a DJ/band, and a photographer. However, some of the more experienced DJs and bands as well as photographers might have their schedules booked a year in advance, so this might be something you'll want to consider doing shortly after you get engaged and choose a date. Also, this is a good time to inform any guests who will be traveling significant distances of the date of your wedding. The earlier your guests can book a flight, the less expensive that flight will be. This is also a good time to order gowns for both the bride and bridesmaids, as some manufacturers require a few months to ship to bridal shops. You might want to ask someone such as your priest or rabbi to be the officiant of your wedding. And

much like out-of-town guests will save travel dollars the earlier they learn of your wedding date, you will likely save money, too, if you book your honeymoon around this time.

4 to 5 Months Before

This is a good time to decide on wedding invitations, of which there are many styles to choose from. Also, now is ideal to start hunting for a wedding cake by sampling a number of different bakeries and their style of cakes before ultimately making a decision. Just to be sure, confirm that all of the bridesmaids have ordered their gowns and start looking for a tuxedo for the groom as well as the groomsmen. If you haven't done so already, purchase your wedding rings and let any other people you'd like to participate in your wedding (ushers, readers during the ceremony, etc.) know of your intentions.

2 to 3 Months Before

Finalize your guest list and mail out your invitations. If your guest list includes a considerable amount of people who are spread out geographically, mail the invitations as close to 12 weeks in advance as possible. This is also a good time to finalize your menu choices for your guests, and find all your wedding accessories such as the ring pillow, candles, etc. Also, since it is tradition to provide gifts for those in the wedding party as well as the parents of the bride and groom, this is a good time to decide on and purchase those gifts. Just to be safe, confirm that all groomsmen have ordered their tuxedos and finalize all transportation, both to and from the wedding and to the airport for your honeymoon.

1 to 2 Months Before

Schedule the first bridal-gown fitting. Also finalize the readings you'd prefer during the ceremony and mail them out to anyone who has agreed to do a reading. If your family prefers to host a small gathering for close family and friends after the wedding rehearsal, the night before the wedding, this is a good time to order any food or drinks you might want to serve that night, or make a restaurant reservation.

3 to 4 Weeks Before

Confirm your honeymoon arrangements and see if your wedding rings are ready. This is also when you should get your marriage license and check the guest list to see who has and hasn't RSVP'd. For those who have yet to RSVP, you might want to contact them so you can get a closer idea of what the head count will be. You should also prepare and order your wedding program around this time.

1 to 2 Weeks Before

Get a final attendance count and submit it to the caterer as soon as you know of it, while also providing a final seating chart. Pick up the wedding gown and tuxedo. Make sure the wedding party picks up their attire. Also, finalize your vows and confirm all wedding-day details such as transportation, photo schedules, and addresses. And don't forget to pack for your honeymoon.

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6 Finding the Right hall for your reception

Weddings can be a very complicated endeavor to pull off. Far more than pulling on fancy clothes, strolling down the aisle and saying, "I do," a successful wedding is a testament to a couple's ability to plan and juggle multiple tasks.

One of the biggest tasks a couple must handle is choosing a reception hall. Since most couples choose a religious facility based on where they attend services or where they attended growing up, that decision is often easier than choosing where the couple and their guests will go to let loose once the ceremony's over. Couples facing the dilemma of where to host their post-wedding party should



ask the following questions when on the hunt for a reception hall:

- When is the hall available? If you've already chosen a wedding date, this is obviously the most important question to ask. If you haven't pinned down a date yet, perhaps a favorite hall's availability can help you determine when to walk down the aisle. Just remember that many houses of worship frown on picking a date and booking with a reception hall without securing the ceremony first.
- How much? With the escalating costs of weddings these days, this should be the question you ask immediately after learning of the hall's availability. It's also good to have a number in mind with respect to how much you can spend on the reception.

It's also wise to ask what's included in the fee. Some halls, believe it or not, charge extra for tables, chairs and linens.

- What is the capacity? If your wedding party is going to be large, there's no sense in driving to a locale that can't accommodate larger crowds.
- What about the catering? Some reception halls insist customers use their kitchen staff, while others allow outside caterers to come in. Oftentimes, halls that require on-site staff do the cooking also require a minimum number of guests. In addition, those that permit private caterers might charge extra to allow kitchen usage to outside vendors.
- What service styles are available? Food and drinks can be served cocktail style, formal, or buffet style.
- How can drinks be served? The bar service can range from a full open bar (often the most expensive) to only certain drinks offered at the open bar (i.e., beer is open bar, mixed drinks cost guests per drink) to individuals paying for their own drinks all night, called a cash bar.
- How late is the reception hall open? Most reception halls will stay open until around midnight before informing guests it's closing time. Some halls, however, might close earlier. Make sure it's spelled out in your contract.
- What is the refund policy? This can be an important question to ask in the unfortunate case an emergency arises and the wedding is moved or the couple calls off the wedding.

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THEMED WEDDINGS: Campy or Creative?

Subtle, cohesive touches can impart a themed feel to a wedding without being over-the-top.

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Themed weddings have grown in popularity -- as couples want to do what they can to set their event apart from the scores of other weddings guests have attended. The key to themed weddings is to create a balance between tradition and elements that tie into the theme. This way the wedding is classy instead of over-the-top ... unless, however, over-the-top is what's desired.

- ~ Decide on your theme: Develop a clear idea of what you'd like the theme to be. Themes can range from tie-ins to seasons to specific interests, such as sports or hobbies, to a particular color scheme. Once you have a firm concept of your theme, you can plan and shop around it. For the purpose of illustration, let's use a winter theme as an example.
- ~ Introduce your theme with stationery: Your save-the-date cards or wedding invitations will present the theme to your guests, and could be the building block for the entire wedding. A winter-themed wedding may feature a whimsical font of swirly patterned type evoking the feel of winter wind. Delicate polka-dots could hint at falling snow. Avoid snowmen and ski boots.
- ~ Keep it simple: A winter theme may be achieved simply with color. Draperies, flowers, seat covers, table linens, etc. in a frosty blue, silver or white will touch upon the feel of winter. There's no need to clutter up the space with nicknacks that make the theme overwhelming.



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Remember, you want the event to still be traditional, with touches of the theme throughout.

- ~ Choose an accent: There may be one concept of your theme that you'd like to build upon, such as snowflakes. However, instead of paper snowflakes hanging from the ceiling, which would be more reminiscent of a classroom instead of a reception room, think about other subtle ways to incorporate the accent. Delicate doilies under the china could hint at snowflakes. Italian pizzelle cookies dusted with powdered sugar look like snowflakes and are very tasty. Instead of Jordan almonds in favors, use large nonpareils. Ask the venue to create a signature cocktail that's white and frosty.

Rely on flowers and lighting: Flowers, foliage and other natural accents can add a special touch to your wedding. Nature provides so many different hues and shaped flowers that can work effortlessly into your theme. Hydrangea or snowball plants (also called Guelder rose) form large puffs of flowers that resemble snowballs and are aptly named. Delicate alyssum and even the common baby's breath can be tucked into floral arrangements to add a snowflake appeal.

Lighting is something couples often overlook. Famed party planner David Tutera often uses lighting to set the mood at the events he plans. Changing the color or the scope of the lighting for different parts of your reception can create different moods.

Choose festive foods: Foods don't necessarily need to look like themed elements (mashed potato ski slopes). However, you can touch on the theme by using seasonal foods such as winter squashes, hearty foods or seasonal fruits.

Creating a theme doesn't have to be ostentatious or evoke feelings of a kids' birthday party. Subtle touches that are cohesive will provide the desired mood.



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When establishing a wedding budget, couples should be mindful of what they hope to offer their guests at the reception.

Budgeting Tips for Brides and Grooms

When it comes to planning a wedding, finances are first and foremost on the minds of many couples. As the costs associated with weddings continue to rise, the need for a budget only grows more apparent.

But how can a couple establish and stick to a budget? Doing so depends on each individual couple, how much they can spend and what they're willing to sacrifice for their big day.

Establishing a Budget

Wedding budgets can vary greatly depending on the couple and the type of wedding they desire. A wedding budget should be established as far in advance as possible.

When setting the budget, it's best to determine exactly how much you can spend, and then set the budget lower than that. For example, if the most you can afford is \$25,000, set your budget at \$22,000. This will allow you some wiggle room when the inevitable happens and you're forced to go over budget.

Monitor Your Spending

Once a budget has been determined, a good way for couples to adhere to that budget is to establish a separate wedding spending account. This account should be separate from personal accounts, and all wedding expenses should be drawn solely from this wedding account. This is a good way to monitor how much you're spending, and your monthly statement will provide an itemized list of how much is being deposited and spent.

Be Ready to Spend More

Regardless of how well you've planned the wedding, you're going to end up spending more than your initial budget allowed. This happens for a number of reasons, ranging from overtime fees at the reception to tipping the vendors to larger guest lists than you might have originally intended.

Prepare for the inevitable overspending by cutting back on other expenses leading up to the big day. Rather than going out to dinner on weekends, make a homecooked meal to save some money. Instead of costly trips to a night club, invite friends over for the night. You'll be surprised how much these subtle lifestyle changes can save you.

Stick to Your Guns

While you should be prepared to spend more, that extra spending should be saved for things such as tipping the staff and possibly paying more for an additional guest or two. Where couples should be budget-cautious is when vendors try to up-sell services. For example, while a top-shelf bar might be a nice gesture, it can be considerably more expensive than just offering beer at your reception, and letting your guests pay for liquor.

If a vendor tries to up-sell, couples should not hold that against the vendor. After all, that is the vendor's job. Instead, prioritize what you want before you go visit any vendors. You're much more likely to be happy with your selections.



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Such is the case with the floral arrangements. Though not a minor detail in any way, preparing a wedding day floral arrangement does have its minor details, particularly when it comes to the more individual aspects of a floral plan. For instance, the following components must be considered when devising a floral plan.

- * The bridal bouquet. It's tradition for bridal bouquets to contain white or cream-colored flowers such as stephanotis, roses, orchids, or lilies. Many bridal bouquets also include fillers like baby's breath as well as some green or ivy, as well as ribbons or additional accessories.
- * Bouquets for attendants. Attendants' bouquets should be identical, and it's best to coordinate these bouquets with the attendants' gowns. Only the maid of honor traditionally receives a slightly different bouquet, as it's customary to give her one apart from the rest, though not significantly so.
- * Boutonnieres for groomsmen and ushers. The guy's side of the wedding also needs to take part in the floral plan. Worn in a buttonhole or lapel, a boutonniere should be worn on the left lapel and match a flower from the bridesmaids' bouquet. The groom should also wear a boutonniere, though his should match a flower from the bride's bouquet. When wearing boutonnieres, men should not wear additional accessories such as pocket squares.
- * Flowers for special guests. Certain special guests, such as grandmothers and mothers, should receive corsages. While the corsages do not need to be identical, they should match the bridesmaids' bouquets. It's best to consult with a florist for a corsage color that matches all dresses, as typically the corsages must be ordered before the bride and groom know what their mothers, grandmothers and other special guests will be wearing. A corsage that goes with anything, therefore, is ideal.

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7 Tips for Wedding Day Dance Bliss

YOUR FIRST DANCE TOGETHER CAN BE MADE MORE MAGICAL WITH A LITTLE PREPARATION BEFORE THE WEDDING.

Ballroom dancing's popularity has increased in recent years and become a component of pop culture. Thank dance-inspired movies or the popular television shows "So You Think You Can Dance" and "Dancing With the Stars" for the revived interest, but enrollment in dancing classes has grown. Many are lining up to learn the Fox Trot, Passa Doble and Waltz.

Fans of ballroom dancing enjoy the social aspects as well as the physical benefits. They can gain confidence when mastering steps and also work toward a toned physique. Others take their enjoyment of ballroom dancing to their wedding day -- brushing up on steps for a flawless first dance together.

Weddings present many all-eyes-on-you moments, but at the reception none is more prominent than a couple's first dance. Being prepared for this moment can calm some first-dance jitters and present a couple who is relaxed and ready for their life together.

Because music and dancing are large components of the wedding day, practicing your songs of choice and brushing up on some dancing techniques will be beneficial. Consider these tips.

1. Choose a wedding song that is romantic but also has a steady beat to make following along easier.
2. First dance, mother-son, father-daughter, and any other special songs should be kept to a 2 to 3 minute maximum each. Songs that are too long may end up boring guests. They can also make the dancers in the spotlight feel overly nervous.
3. Practice your chosen wedding song with your spouse-to-be, this way you can gauge the length of the song and figure out what steps you will use during the dance. Make sure your band or DJ plays the same version of the song so that you will not be caught off-guard.
4. Practice dancing to songs of different tempos so that you will be able to hold your own on the dance floor during the reception. Guests will expect to see the happy couple joining in the festivities.
5. If you feel your dancing skills are subpar, sign up for dancing lessons at a local studio. Five to 10 lessons should give you adequate knowledge of basic steps and help you look more confident on the dance floor.



6. Keep your calm whatever may happen. Remember, your guests won't know what you're planning in terms of dance numbers. You can easily cover up missteps if you remain calm and look confident.

7. Have fun! Looking too serious or intent on mastering steps can ruin the show for guests. You're not being judged on your dance moves.

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10 Responsibilities of the Wedding Party

As weddings have become less regimented and more expensive, the traditional bridal party is often pared down to a best man and a bridesmaid or two. Their roles, however, have remained constant through the years.

Whether the wedding you've got in mind is large or small, formal or casual, conventional or original, it's helpful to have a sense of the roles that bridal party members have played through the years.

* Maid of Honor -- Usually the closest friend of the bride and sometimes a relative. A married, divorced, widowed, or older woman might be called the matron of honor. She assists with the details of the wedding plans, like shopping for the bridal gown, addressing invitations and choosing flowers. She arranges the bridal shower in conjunction with the bride's family, is in charge of coordinating the bridesmaids and organizing fittings, and typically signs the couple's certificate of marriage or wedding license as a legal witness. At the reception, she should stand immediately after the groom in the receiving line.

* Best Man -- Commonly the groom's best friend, relative or not, the best man is in charge of instructing the ushers and coordinating the groom's transportation to the ceremony. He usually holds the rings until the ceremony and will also sign the marriage certificate as a legal witness. At the reception, he holds a place of honor, escorting the maid of honor in the receiving line and in all other wedding party activities. He's also the toastmaster, offering the first toast to the couple.

* Bridesmaids and Ushers -- Typically friends or relatives of the bride, bridesmaids may be asked to coordinate special details during the ceremony preparations or at the reception, and assist the bride and the maid of honor. Ushers (sometimes also known as groomsmen) should be prepared for an early arrival at the ceremony to escort female guests to their seats. During the ceremony, they will escort the bridesmaids down the aisle. They may also be asked to coordinate the guests' trip from the ceremony to the reception as well as assist the groom and the best man.

* Flower Girl and Ring Bearer -- The flower girl carries a basket of flower petals to sprinkle down the aisle, or flowers to be passed out to the women seated near the aisle. The ring bearer may either escort the flower girl down the aisle, or follow her, with the rings on a pillow.

* Father of the Bride -- His most conspicuous duty is giving away the bride at the ceremony. He might also fulfill numer-

ous rolls, such as coordinating transportation, dancing and toasting. Traditionally, he and the mother of the bride have paid for the wedding and reception but today it is common for expenses to be shared by both families along with the bride and groom themselves.

Tips for a Toast to Remember

Being asked to be someone's best man or maid of honor is an honor to be cherished. Often the best friend of the groom or bride, the best man and maid of honor often want to reciprocate the honor of their role with a toast that illustrates just how much they care for the bride or groom.

But once the time comes to sit down and think about their toast, the best man or maid of honor are often in the dark. Giving a wedding toast, after all, is not an everyday event, and for many people it will be a one-time experience, if they're even asked at all. Though a certain amount of pressure comes with the responsibility of giving a toast, keeping a few ideas in mind when writing a toast will make the process go more smoothly.

* Thank the guests. Thanking the guests for attending is a good way to break the ice. Be sure to thank the hosts as well. Traditionally, the hosts are the bride's parents.

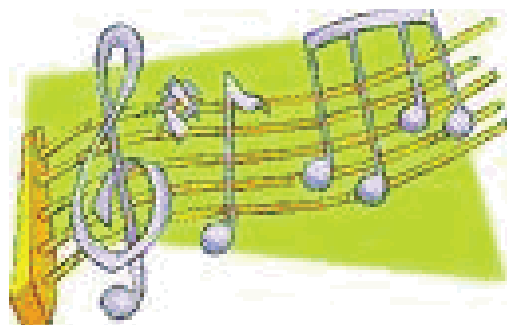
However, thanks to the escalating costs of weddings, many are now financed by both the bride and groom's parents, and oftentimes by the bride and groom themselves. Therefore, you can avoid any missteps and simply thank the parents of the bride and groom after thanking the guests for joining in the festivities.

* Introduce yourself. While the bride and groom certainly know who you are, chances are many of the guests do not. Many weddings boast guest lists with more than 100 people, so introduce yourself at the beginning of your toast. When doing so, you can explain your relationship to the bride or groom (i.e., older/younger sibling, college roommate, etc.).

* Keep things light. While jokes should remain appropriate (every wedding has kids in attendance), keeping the toast jovial is a good way to keep the festive mood of the day going. While it's important to get across how much you cherish being the best man or maid of honor, a jovial approach to doing so will be enjoyed by all, and your message will still come across to the bride and groom as well.

* Add an anecdote. The best man or maid of honor no doubt have many funny anecdotes to tell about the bride or groom. Add a light-hearted anecdote that illustrates your relationship to the bride or groom and how much they mean to you. An older brother, for instance, might tell a tale of the innocent joking around brothers do, while a younger sister might spin a funny yarn about how she once used all of her older sister's makeup. Just make sure the anecdote is appropriate for everyone in the audience.

* Raise a glass, but do so after the toast, and not before. While everyone knows to raise a glass at the end of the toast, some best men or maids of honor raise one too many glasses before it's time to give their toast. Don't drink to excess before it's time for you to give your toast, or you'll risk being the talk of the reception for all the wrong reasons.



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H1N1 vaccination costs to top initial estimates

by ANGELICA BLENICH
Times Staff

The health unit estimates that costs surrounding the H1N1 vaccination program total \$1.224 million.

Information released prior to Christmas estimated the program had cost the unit \$90,000.

According to Dr. Lynn Noseworthy, medical officer of health for the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge Health Unit, the latest figure, which was presented to the health unit's board on Feb. 18, encompasses a variety of factors involving the vaccination program that the original figure did not include.

"In December [when the \$90,000 figure was released] I was keeping track of our costs but not our staffing costs," explains Noseworthy. "That cost included aspects such as advertising, rental, transportation, extra staffing, etc. So that figure would have been where we were at that point in time regarding these aspects."

According to Noseworthy, the latest figure was calculated by the health unit over the past two months and includes a variety of additional factors.

"Our work consisted of three broad areas of work," says Dr. Noseworthy. "One the vaccine, which we received from the province and had to have repackaged into smaller amounts. We then provided the vaccine to our delivery agents, which include our physicians, hospitals, com-

munity health centres, and we also put on vaccination clinics. Those were our vaccination costs."

"The travel was costly as well. Our area is quite large. Our geographic area is 9,000 square kilometres."

"We also carried out what's called surveillance, which refers to the monitoring of data from a variety of sources," says Noseworthy. "So we were monitoring the number of cases of people who had H1N1 who reported to us. We were monitoring school absenteeism, and we were also collecting data from our delivery agents in regard to how many doses of vaccine were given."

"The third broad area that we were doing work in was in the area of communication," says Noseworthy. "So that was doing media interviews, buying advertising, etc. so that people knew where they could access the vaccine."

After these areas of costs were analyzed, the health unit also faced the task of calculating salary costs.

"We had to collect all the information that pertained to those three activities," she says, "and we have about 135 staff in our health unit, we have five offices, so over all of our offices, periodically throughout the fall staff who would have ordinarily been doing other things were reallocated to doing activities to deal with H1N1. So we had to capture all of their time and submit a compilation of all those data to the province."

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Storm Atom AE win two of three against Chiefs

by KARENA CROFTS

Manager, Highland Storm Atom AE

The Highland Storm Atom AEs started their semi-final games against Lakefield Chiefs with the first of three games for the weekend this Friday, Feb. 26 in Lakefield at 6:30 p.m.

The boys did not seem nervous but their parents certainly were.

The teams are equally matched with 10 players (two lines) and a goalie apiece. The teams are playing three 15-minute periods the norm for the chiefs.

As the teams tried to figure each other out they both played strongly but the Storm prevailed. The Storm scored three goals in the first period, two by Jake Bull and one by Greg Crofts with assists to Devyn Prentice, Alex Wilbee, Owen Smith and Trevor Turner. The Chiefs managed to answer with one goal in the first and

the second period. In the third period the Storm boys do what they always do and set about to win, with another goal by Greg Crofts making this his 50th of the season, two by Owen Smith and another by Jake Bull, giving him his first hat trick of the season. Assists to Alex Wilbee, Carter O'Neill, Devyn Prentice and Jack Dobie. Great goal tending by Anthony Bertucca and playing from Jacob Haedicke and Ryan Prentice. Winning score of 7-4. Game two on Saturday in Minden, proved to be a difficult game with the benches having figured out how to play against the other team. The Storm struggled somewhat but still managed to pull out a 4-3 win. Goals going to Jacob Haedicke, Owen Smith, Devyn Prentice and Jake Bull. With assists to Devyn Prentice and Jake Bull. Great playing by the rest of the team.

Game three proved that they had shut down the line with Greg Crofts, Alex Wilbee, Trevor Turner, Jack Dobie, Jacob Haedicke with no goals from them, though

they still managed to get some shots away. The Chiefs were playing for their hockey lives and no intention of going down in 3 games. The Storm lost this game 4-2. With goals going to Devyn Prentice and Owen Smith, assists to Jake Bull, Carter O'Neill and Owen Smith. The boys will be ready to play game four on Friday, March 5 in Minden at 6 p.m. Please come out and support these boys who have worked hard to be this far in the OMHA playoffs.

The Atom A played Delhi this weekend winning both games.

Game five: Saturday, March 6 in Lakefield at 1 p.m.

Game six: Sunday, March 7 in Minden at 4 p.m.

Atom A win two in Delhi, 6-1, 6-3

by MONICA KEEFER

Special to the Times

Saturday, Feb. 27 the team travelled to Delhi. Game one, the puck dropped at 4 p.m. Taking many shots on net, Mat Wilbee with a hat trick and all the boys playing well! We walked away with a 6-1 win. Game two the puck dropped at 2:30 p.m. With more of a challenge we battled hard for a 6-3 win.

Come cheer on these boys.

Game three is set for 7:30 p.m. in Minden Friday, March 5.

Game four: 5 p.m. in Minden Saturday, March 6.

Game five: 2:30 p.m. in Minden Sunday, March 7.

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Red Hawk curlers 8th in Ontario

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Feb. 19 and Feb. 21

The Red Hawk curlers finished in the top eight of the province at the Gore Provincials. Congratulations to the Red Hawk girls' and boys' snowboarding teams for both winning silver at

COSSA. Alex Vassos led for the boys, while Christianna Walker led for the girls.

Feb. 22

The Red Hawk hockey team defeated the Norwood Knights by a score of 5-1 to solidify a first place finish.

Feb. 25

Joshua Wright and Daniel Wright placed in the top half of the province at the OFSSA Nordic Skiing championship.



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Hockey Hawks beat Rams, move on to final four

by TERRANCE GAVAN
Times Staff

Sudden death churned sudden life beneath the flashing blades of Brett Yake last Monday night at the Dysart Arena.

Sudden life came in the form of Brett's game-winning goal. It also proved sudden death for the Kenner Rams who came with game, but fell just short in a hugely exciting contest last Monday.

Brett's touchy tally came courtesy of a promptly precise and persnickety feed from ever-churning, always turning linemate Ian Bottum, and it couldn't have come at a more opportune time.

The goal happened at the 1:35 mark of the third period during the Hal High Red Hawks quarter final Kawartha zone playoff versus Kenner Rams.

The teams played to a 0-0 draw after one period, and left the ice knotted at 1-1 after the second frame.

Brett's goal put the Hawks up 2-1, was the eventual game winner, and commandeered a huge exhale and collective sigh of relief from the 200 or so vocal hometown fans in the Dysart pews. It also drew large gulps from Hawk coaches Ron Yake and Gary Brohman standing behind the Hawks suddenly invigorated bench.

Brett, however, wasn't done at one.

Three minutes later he capped a virtuoso performance (Brett finished with two goals and an assist for the night) with an unassisted shorthanded flick that made it 3-1 and gave the Hawks – and especially their goaltender Paddy Manuge – a cushion, and some much-required breathing space.

The Hawks were able to sit on that 3-1 lead for the remainder of the game, thanks in no small part to the outstanding play of Manuge who stood tall in the closing minutes and plucked all the right strings on yet another goaltending masterpiece.



Hal High's Brett Yake dangles precipitously just before launching a shot on net versus Kenner Rams. Yake scored two goals and added an assist in a 3-1 Hawks victory. Photos by Terrance Gavan.

Hal High actually trailed 1-0 in the game, on the basis of a Kenner tally just five minutes into the second period. The goal came on a chance that erupted with heart-stopping alacrity, when Kenner team captain Mike Taylor tripped out of the penalty box to take a clearing pass at centre ice.

The play toppled into a breakaway from the centre stripe, and Taylor – a stalwart defenseman who must have played 39 minutes in the 45-minute contest – made no mistake, ripping a low drive that billowed twine.

The goal sucked the life out of the Dysart faithful, who sat in stunned silence. Not surprising because the goal and 1-0 Kenner advantage went way off script.

Nervous times for the Red Hawks, who played stellar hockey for 14 regular season games, amassing a league-

leading 12-1-1 record. They finished first, earning the right to play the eighth place Kenner Rams who limped into the contest on the basis of their 5-9 record.

Oddly enough as the crowd went silent, the Hawks cranked some decibels.

And just two minutes after Taylor's timely tally, the Hawks delivered some magic, when Ashton Haley, the Hawks scoring leader, buried a goal of his own.

It was noteworthy, because Haley's marker came courtesy of linemates' Brett and Bottum. And especially poignant, because it came as a direct result of intense forward pressure and a forechecking presence that has become the hallmark of this feisty Red Hawk team all season long.

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Brett Yake unleashes a masterpiece in Hawks 3-1 win

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The Hawks were a little late coming onto the ice after the second period and coach Yake said that he spent a little time planting some seeds during the intermission.

"I said between periods, 'don't panic and don't think that any one individual has to try to go end to end with it, because that's where you cough it up,'" said Yake. "I reminded them that we had control, and to just keep putting the pressure on with a good solid forecheck; and things will open up and something will go in for us ... and luckily it did."

He said that Kenner shortened their bench for the game, and that reliance on a few key players might have led to some fatigue in the final frame.

"I thought we played very well in the third period, played under control and we didn't panic," said Yake. He added that his goaltending once again came up big when required.

"I thought Paddy [Manuge] had a good game," said Yake. "Their goalie definitely had more shots, but Paddy had to make a couple of good stops on the chances that they had, and he did."

Ron Yake has an especially tough time in some post-game situations, because both his sons, Brandon and Brett have played pivotal roles for the Hawks all season. Hard not to offer something Monday, however, considering Brett's prepossessing performance.

"Brett had a very good game tonight," smiled Ron. "He's gaining more confidence as the year goes on."

And Brett, loath to take much of the individual credit, gave a nod to the total team effort after the game.

He said that his linemates Bottum and Haley all stuck to the plan. "[Our line] had a good game," said Brett. "But [the team] had a really good third period, we played well and we worked very hard."

The Hawks now go on to host the semi-finals at Dysart and S.G. Nesbitt (Minden) arenas March 3. The semi-finals begin at 10 a.m. at both venues and the final will go at 2 p.m. at the Dysart.

The Hawks will face Adam Scott Lions in Haliburton



Hawks forward Ian Bottum is denied on the doorstep by Kenner Ram goaltender Scott Reynolds last Monday night at the Dysart arena. Bottum had two assists in the 3-1 quarter final victory. Hawks play at home tomorrow at Dysart beginning at 10 a.m.

and Norwood goes up against Holy Cross in Minden at 10 a.m.

Adam Scott (6-7-1 on the season) is coming off a 4-3 upset of the Hawks in the final regular season game played last Thursday in Peterborough. They followed that up with a stunning 8-5 quarter final upset of Thomas A. Stewart (8-3-2) in last Monday's quarterfinal.

Not surprisingly, both Yakes are on page and somewhat philosophical in their assessments of the upcoming rematch against the Lions.

"We're playing Adam Scott, but that's OK," said Ron. "I feel confident against them; and I feel confident against

anyone we play."

Brett said he just wants another shot.

"We didn't have all our players last time we played them," said Brett, who added that the Hawks were without Mark Vasey, Cole Rowden and Drew Paul.

"It would be good to get back at them after that loss," said Brett.

It all adds up to a pretty nice trio of games in both Minden and Haliburton.

Winners of the two semi-finals both advance to the COSSA AA hockey finals, but Ron says that the champions will get the better seed.

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26th annual Rockbuster a blockbuster

by DON PFLUG
Special to the Times

On Friday, Feb. 19, 96 curlers from all over Southern Ontario arrived at the Minden Curling Club for the 26th annual, three-day Rockbuster Men's Open Bonspiel. Excitement and anticipation was in the air as acquaintances were renewed and new players and team entries were welcomed.

The camaraderie amongst the players, the laughter, the raffles, the breakfasts, the lunches and the Saturday evening prime rib feast, plus the great curling competition make this the premiere event of the curling season. The Colliver team from Lindsay, have curled in all 26 Rockbuster spiels, curling with their dad in the early years. The Clark team from Elmira have participated for 24 years and it seems that each year they are the official winners of the best dressed award.

Congratulations to the Adams team from Elmira who were the overall spiel winners and winners of the A Event sponsored by Prentice Power Sports.

The B Event title, sponsors Minden Subaru, was won by Ted Wilkes's team from Minden.

The C Event honours, sponsored by Garbutt Disposal, was captured by the Colliver team from Lindsay.

The D Event sponsored by Dollo's IGA went to the Haliburton team skipped by Bob Johnston.



A event winners from Elmira were, left to right, Arden Edmonson, lead, Tim Morrison, second, John Ross, vice, Doug Adams, skip.



C event winners from Lindsay were, left to right, Steve Colliver, skip, Brent Colliver, vice, Don Summers, lead, Doug Price, second.



B event winners from Minden were, left to right, Ross Bryant, lead, Mike Clewlow, second, Dave McKay, vice, Ted Wilkes, skip.



D event winners from Haliburton were, left to right, Bob Johnston, skip, Dave Connell, vice, Larry Holden, second, Don Whetmore, lead.

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Letter campaign launched by Haliburton County residents

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known by sending a letter to the minister of tourism or MPP Rick Johnson, requesting the county of Haliburton remain unified as one region.

"After long hard discussion and study

the Haliburton Tourism Board is putting forth a united front and believes that strategically we want to influence the decision makers to keep the County of Haliburton intact and to attach us to Region 8 to maintain our traditional relationships," the let-

ter reads.


It urges residents to explain to the minister how the split will impact them and their businesses and the importance of tourism as a driving force in Haliburton.

In a letter sent to Michael Chan, minister of tourism, local advertising salesperson for Canoe FM, David Allen, outlined some of his concerns with the new regions.

"A great deal of time, money and effort has been collectively spent on what has become a highly successful branding campaign ie. Haliburton Highlands - A Natural Work of Art.

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Curator/Heritage Programmer, Minden Hills Museum P/T Permanent position, 1400 hours/year with benefits

The Minden Hills Museum is a community museum made up of 6 heritage buildings and a collections building owned and operated by the Township of Minden Hills. The Museum is under the administrative umbrella of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre (MHCC) which, along with the museum, is made up of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery (a public art gallery) and the R.D. Lawrence Place (literary arts and environmental education centre). The MHCC site also houses the Minden Branch of the Haliburton County Public Library and Highland Media Arts, a community based media arts and education organization.


Minden Hills Museum's Curator/Heritage Programmer is a dynamic and enthusiastic individual who understands community based programming and possesses a keen interest and/or experience in heritage education, cultural history or museum studies. Reporting to the Director of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, the Curator /Heritage Programmer is responsible for the museum collection, the day-to-day operations of the museum, the development of heritage education programs for school groups and for the delivery of community programs.

For a more information and a copy of the full job description go to www.mindenculturalcentre.com or call 705-286-2808


Interested applicants should send resume and covering letter (include job title on cover letter) by 4 pm March 18, 2010. Emailed applications are accepted. Send to:

Minden Hills Cultural Centre
Box 648, 176 Bobcaygeon Rd.
Minden, ON,
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Attention: Daniela Pagliaro, Director MHCC
RE: Museum Curator/Heritage Programmer
Email: culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca
www.mindenculturalcentre.com



NOTICE OF SUBMISSION
TOWNSHIP OF ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS
MAPLE LAKE WASTE DISPOSAL SITE CAPACITY EXPANSION



The Township of Algonquin Highlands has completed the Township of Algonquin Highlands Waste Management Plan Environmental Assessment, which defines a waste management strategy for the Township for a period of 25 years. As required under Section 6.2 (1) of the *Environmental Assessment Act* and according to the Terms of Reference approved by the Minister of the Environment on January 17, 2005, the Township of Algonquin Highlands has submitted its environmental assessment to the Ministry of the Environment for review and approval.

The alternatives to the undertaking were objectively evaluated based on natural, social, cultural, and economic environmental criteria. The Preferred Alternative will include the enhancement of the Township's waste diversion program, and the expansion of capacity at the Township's Maple Lake waste disposal site to accommodate waste for the next 25 years, which is the project subject to approval through this EA under the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The current capacity of the Maple Lake waste disposal site is 46,860 cubic metres and the proposed capacity is 196,860 cubic metres. The Maple Lake waste disposal site is located on part Lot 20, Concession 5, in the geographic township of Stanhope and is accessible from McPhail Road, approximately seven kilometers north of Carnarvon.

As required under the *Environmental Assessment Act*, the environmental assessment will be available for public review and comment from February 26, 2010 to April 16, 2010. The Township invites interested parties to review the Maple Lake Waste Disposal Site Capacity Expansion Environmental Assessment Report at the following locations:

- The Township of Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office (1123 North Shore Road, Minden, Ontario)
Monday to Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm, (705) 489-2379
- The Township of Algonquin Highlands Dorset Office (1051 Main Street, Dorset, Ontario)
Tuesday and Thursday 8:30am-4:30pm, Wednesday 1:00pm-4:30pm, (705) 766-2211
- The Township of Algonquin Highlands WebPage: www.algonquinhighlands.ca/admin/waste_mgt.htm
- Stanhope Public Library (1109 North Shore Road, Minden, Ontario)
Tuesday 12:30pm-2:30pm and 6:30pm-8:30pm, Wednesday 1:00pm-3:00pm, Thursday and Saturday 10:00am-12noon,
(705) 489-2402
- Dorset Public Library (1051 Main Street, Dorset, Ontario)
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Saturday 10:00am-12noon, (705) 766-9969
- Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Peterborough District Office
300 Water Street, Peterborough, Ontario
Monday to Friday, 8:30am-5:00pm, (705) 755-4300
- Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch
2 St. Clair Avenue West, Floor 12A, Toronto, Ontario
Monday to Friday, 8:30am-5:00pm, (800) 461-6290

Anyone wishing to provide comments on the environmental assessment must submit their comments in writing and/or by fax to the Ministry of the Environment by April 16, 2010.

All comments must be submitted to:

Mr. Kevin Plautz
Project Officer
Ontario Ministry of the Environment
Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch
2 St. Clair Avenue West, Floor 12A
Toronto, Ontario M4V 1L5
Phone: (416) 314-7184/1-800-461-6290
Fax: (416) 314-8452
Email: Kevin.Plautz@ontario.ca

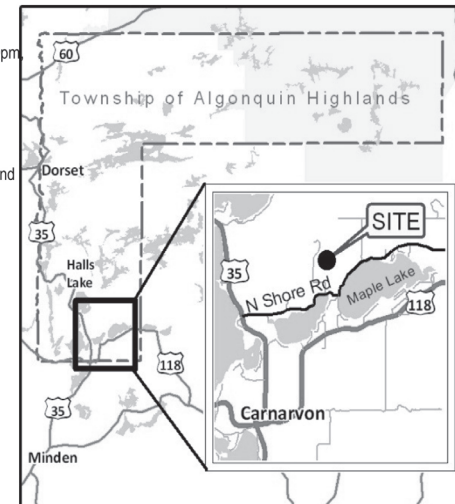
A copy of all comments will be forwarded to the proponent for its consideration.

If you have any questions or need further information about this project, please contact the Township's Consultant (Cambium Environmental Inc.):

Mr. John Desbiens, President Cambium Environmental Inc. P.O. Box 325 Unit 2, Whittington Drive Peterborough, Ontario K9J 6X4 Phone: (705) 742-7900 ext. 202 Fax: (705) 742-7907 Email: john.desbiens@cambium-env.com	Ms. Andrea Zavitz, Environmental Specialist Cambium Environmental Inc. P.O. Box 325 Unit 2, Whittington Drive Peterborough, Ontario K9J 6X4 Phone: (705) 742-7900 ext. 202 Fax: (705) 742-7907 Email: andrea.zavitz@cambium-env.com
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Under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Environmental Assessment Act*, unless otherwise stated in the submission, any personal information such as name, address, telephone number, and property location included in a submission will become part of the public record files for this matter and can be released, if requested, to any person.

Dated at the Township of Algonquin Highlands on the 9th day of February, 2010
Juanita Dempster-Evans CAO
Township of Algonquin Highlands
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Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0
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Maps have been printed, tourism region not changing, MPP says

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other options available to the consumer. Furthermore, tourism is our largest economic and employment sector in a geographic area with the lowest average income in Ontario," Allen writes.

In response to the reasoning behind the new boundaries Johnson says the new regions are a result of a significant amount of research and input. "My understanding is that there were a few things that they did," says Johnson in reference to the province's decision. "There really are two issues surrounding the matter. One is that the county of Haliburton was placed into the region with the Ottawa Valley as opposed to the region with Kawartha Lakes-Peterborough. There seems to be some confusion about what's going on."

According to Johnson, this decision was partly a result of a letter sent to the Minister of Tourism on Nov. 6. In the letter, drafted and sent by Mitchell Wilkie, manager of the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association (OTVA), the county of Haliburton requested to be aligned with the Ottawa Valley in a region proposed as Algonquin East-Ottawa Valley.

"When I spoke to the ministry expressing concerns about the new regions they said to me, 'well we have a letter stating this is where they want to go,'" says Johnson. "It's a letter that was sent in after consultation saying this is what would make us happy." The proposal drafted by the OTVA was sent to Michael Kurts, assistant deputy minister of tourism and culture, and included an unofficial map, which included the entirety of Haliburton County as the result of a general agreement reached between the included counties.

According to Bob Smith, director of economic development for tourism and marketing in Haliburton County, the letter sent by the OTVA included just one of the many proposed regions floating around prior to the announcement.

"We were sitting at a number of tables prior to the announcement," says Smith. "We were trying to keep all our options open and were at more than one table trying to find out what was going on."

A meeting was facilitated with Kurts by the OTVA on Oct. 5 prior to the proposal being drafted, however representatives from Haliburton did not attend.

Moving forward officials from the county have notified the OVTA that they will not be supporting the alignment proposed in the new regions.

According to Wilkie, the OVTA is sympathetic to Haliburton's situation regarding the split and understands the county's decision to continue seeking realignment.

In an email Wilkie writes, "I sympathize with their situation, but we are willing to include and work with Haliburton should the ministry enforce the current regional boundary decision."

Wilkie says like Haliburton he too doesn't understand the logic behind splitting the county.

"I didn't suggest any split of Haliburton County in my proposal or map," says Wilkie. "I am disappointed they split Haliburton, that didn't make any sense to me." Johnson agrees the split is an important issue. "Concerns were expressed over the splitting of Algonquin Highlands," says Johnson. "What they were looking at [in regards to that decision] was travel patterns. The east/west travel pattern along Highway 60 goes from Huntsville into the entrance of Algonquin Park.

"They [the ministry] felt that that was a tourism route and that there was a lot of support for having that route in one zone." Despite the ministry's explanation for the new regions, Johnson addressed the issue

during a debate regarding the new tourism zones in the Ontario Legislature on Feb. 24.

He outlined the concern in Haliburton County over the tourism divide and asked Minister Chan what assurances he can make to the tourism operators in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock with regard to their concerns over the implementation of the new tourism regions.

Chan replied, "I would like to assure the honourable member and tourism operators across Ontario that these steps are being taken to better showcase Ontario, to strengthen the industry and stay competitive. We are building on past successes and encouraging further co-operation between regions and tourism organizations."

Moving forward Johnson says the likelihood of the regions being changed is very minimal, but those in the county shouldn't be discouraged.

"I think there are some questions that need to be answered," says Johnson in terms of how this decision will affect funding. "We've sent a letter in on behalf of the county expressing their concerns as well." "

When I spoke to the ministry yesterday they said to me that the maps were done for now and ready to go. There's nothing to say we can review it in a year or two to see if it's working."



NOTICE

The fourteenth Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation (HHHS) will be held on Thursday, June 24, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in Minden (location to be announced).

2010/11 Membership in the HHHS Corporation is available to any individual who has been a resident* of, or who has been employed or carried on a business in, the County of Haliburton or, in the Townships formerly known as Laxton, Digby and Longford, or Bexley or Somerville of Victoria County; or Cavendish and Galway of Peterborough County for a period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the payment of an annual membership fee of ten dollars (\$10).

Membership in the Corporation entitles an individual to vote at any general meeting of the Corporation. New members must register at least 60 days prior to the date of the meeting. Therefore, to be eligible to vote at the June 25, 2010 Annual General Meeting, new memberships must be obtained by April 1, 2010.

Members of the Corporation are also entitled to nominate Directors for election to the Board by submitting in writing a nomination, which must be received by the Secretary of the Board at least 30 days before the day of the Annual General Meeting.

The fee may be paid and proof of membership obtained at HHHS (Haliburton or Minden Hospitals), during regular business hours, or by contacting:

Marlene Vieira
Haliburton Highlands Health Services
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Haliburton, Ontario. K0M 1S0
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email: mvieira@hhhs.on.ca

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NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT BY

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(Novak, Part of Lot 28, Concession 7, geographic Township of Minden)

TAKE NOTICE any person or agency may appeal a by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills no later than the 23rd day of March, 2010, a Notice of Appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection, accompanied by a fee of \$125.00, made payable to the Minister of Finance, as prescribed under the Ontario Municipal Board Act. An explanation of the purpose and effect of the by-law, describing the lands to which the by-law applies, and a key map showing the location of the lands to which the by-law applies are available for inspection in my office during regular office hours. DATED at the Township of Minden Hills this 3rd day of March, 2010.

C. McCarroll, CLERK,
TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

NOTE: Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a Zoning By-law to the Ontario Municipal Board. A Notice of Appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a Notice may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of Minden Hills before the by-law is passed:

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- the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

Days after turning 100 Hilda Chynoweth dies



AROUND THE TOWN

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This past week we were off to help our youngest daughter complete her move. Fortunately weather conditions cooperated and, with the help of good neighbour Wayne, the movers were able to back right up to the storage trailer here at the old farmhouse and load. Once in Ajax unpacking was time consuming as every box revealed a memory sometimes happy and other times sad. The task was not made any easier by the antics of Caitlin's tiny Siamese kitten an absolute jewel newly acquired from the shelter. As usual it was good to get back home to the dog, the cat, the ponies and chickadees and to the clock which projects the time in big numbers on the ceiling. Bruce has just ruined my day by reminding that daylight saving time returns on March 14 so that we are in "sync" with the U.S.A. Forget the politically correct rationale about travel schedules etc. my personal take is that this is hockey retaliation.

Readers will remember that on Feb. 13 lifelong Norland resident Hilda Chynoweth celebrated her 100th birthday at the Coboconk Legion surrounded by family and friends. On Monday, March 1 Hilda passed away peacefully again surrounded by her loving family. Asking her daughter Phyllis McHale what she would like in this col-

umn her response was: "She had a great life and enjoyed her great party." Indeed Hilda was a great lady who will be much missed and warmly remembered. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Coboconk Funeral Home and can be accessed by calling 705-454-3913 or on the website www.communityfuneralhomes.com.

For a fun-filled evening plan to attend the 8th annual dinner and loonie auction this Saturday, March 6 at the Galway Hall. Festivities start at 5 p.m. with dinner to follow at 6 p.m. featuring a menu of country ham, scalloped potatoes and all the fixings. Famous Galway auctioneer Doug Pearson will conduct the loonie auction so be prepared to enjoy parting with your gold coins. Funds raised by the evening will be divided between support for publishing the *Kinmount Gazette* and the Victoria Pony Club. Tickets are \$12 and available at Austin Lumber, by calling Guy Scott at 488-3182, Doug Pearson 488-2547 or Lynne Kilby 488-2919. Donations of prizes for the auction would be welcomed. Guy reminds that the Pony Club meets every second Tuesday and new members are always welcome.

Now some notes from Cathy King at the Kinmount Legion branch 441. Tuesday lunch hours have changed for the winter to 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a delicious hot lunch for \$6 and a soup and sandwich combo for \$5 available to eat in or take out. Big Bucks Bid Euchre comes up on March 17 (the third Wednesday of each month) at 11 a.m. The cost is only \$10 a person including lunch. On Saturday, March 20 following the meat draw there will be a Welcome Back Spring Fun Music Trivia evening.

There is no cost for admission so bring along a friend and enjoy this potluck event.

The Friends of the Kinmount Branch Library monthly book sale will be held on Saturday, March 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the lower level of the branch. This is a regular event on the third Saturday of each month and donations of good used books can be placed in the box marked "Kinmount Friends" outside the door on the lower level.

Until next week...

NOTICES & TENDERS FOR:



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IN TODAY'S PAPER**



Township of Algonquin Highlands

TENDER SITE ATTENDANT SERVICES At all Algonquin Highlands Landfill Sites

**Closing Date and Time: Wednesday, March 10, 2010
12:00 noon Local Time**

The Township of Algonquin Highlands invites tenders from qualified contractors for the provision of Site Attendant Services at all five Township landfill sites.

The scope of work includes providing direction and assistance to site users, the collection of tipping fees, maintaining the landfill sites and recycling areas in a neat and orderly manner, and ensuring that the facilities are safe for users.

Detailed tender documents may be obtained from the Township office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, or in a PDF file format from the Township's website at www.algonquinhighlands.ca.

SEALED TENDERS will be received at the Township of Algonquin Highlands municipal office, 1123 North Shore Rd, Minden, ON, K0M 2K0, until 12:00 noon local time on Wednesday, March 10, 2010.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

For further information contact:
Brian Whetstone, Manager of Operations
Tel. 705-489-2379
Email: bwhetstone@algonquinhighlands.ca

Notices



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LOAD RESTRICTIONS March 1st to May 15th

As per By-Law #2216, County Roads #'s 1 to 20, 39, 48, and 507 shall be posted and enforced for five tonne per axle load restrictions as soon as conditions warrant and signs have been erected.

The actual date of reduced load limit enforcement will be in effect when and where signs are posted. All annual permits for moving of heavy vehicle loads or structures, in excess of limits set out in the Act, unless otherwise specified are not valid on any County Roads during the Load Restriction Period.

Single Trip Permits issued by the Roads Department, for transporting over dimensional loads on County Roads, will still be issued but shall be subject to the reduced loading conditions during the above noted period.

Doug Ray
Director of Public Works

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

In the matter of the Estate of **FREDERICK STANK**, deceased. All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of FREDERICK STANK, late of the Township of Lutterworth, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 20th day of February, 1999, are required to file particulars of such claims with the undersigned solicitor for the said Estate on or before the 15th day of April, 2010.

And take notice that after the last day named, the assets of the said Estate, will be distributed among persons hereto entitled having regard only to the claims of which the Executor for the Estate, being Fraser A. Rogers, shall have notice.

DATED at Haliburton, Ontario this 10th day of February, 2010 by BISHOP AND ROGERS, Barrister and Solicitor, P.O. Box 472, Haliburton, Ontario, K0M 2K0

Solicitor for the Executor of the Estate of Frederick Stank.

Snowball attracted more than 1,500



DORSET NEWS

Melissa Alfano

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The day couldn't have been better for the 20th annual Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival that took place on Feb. 19 and 20.

The weather was perfect, the sun was shining and the event attracted more than 1,500 people. Attendees participated in a myriad of activities including displays and demonstrations, silent auction, 50/50 draws, minnow races, snowshoe races, karaoke, horse-drawn wagon

rides, crosscut sawing and drilling the old fashioned way, skating, hockey, broomball, stone carving, pottery, face painting and the famous Dorset Snowball parade.

Entertainment galore was the theme of the day and included a clown, a one-man circus show, chainsaw carving, wildlife calling and the fantastic Wye Marsh Birds of Prey show.

Organizers were sorry that Junkyard Jonny and the Junkyard Symphony had to cancel at the last minute. Jonny was in a car accident and suffered a broken wrist and ankle – get well soon Jonny! We'll see you next year! The festivities concluded with Hockey Night in Dorset on Saturday. A great time was had by all!

Congratulations to the winners of the annual Snowball Snow Shoe Races. In the 18 and up category; first went to Wyatt Black, second to Tracy McCartney, third to Leanne Verth. In the 12 to 17 category; first went to Graham Johnson, second to Madison McLean and third to Nick Wlodek and finally in the 8 to 11 category; first went to Alias Platts-Boyle, second to Ben Platts-Boyle and third to David Johnson.

There will be a debriefing Snowball meeting at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Monday, March 8 at 7 p.m. While the events of the day are still fresh in your mind, come and share your thoughts and suggestions to make next year's Snowball even better. All are welcome.

Volunteers under Revenue Canada's Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) can help you complete your income tax return and benefit return if your income is low and your tax situation is simple. Volunteers do not complete income tax and benefit returns for de-

ceased persons, bankrupt individuals, or individuals who have capital gains or losses, employment expenses, or business or rental income and expenses.

FREE tax clinics are taking place every Wednesday in March from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre. For more information, contact the Recreation Centre at 766-9968.

The next meeting of the Dorset Book Club is Wednesday, March 3 at 1 p.m. at the Dorset Library. The book to be discussed is Geraldine Brooks's *People of the Book* and all are welcome. For more information, call the library at 766-9968.

Lake of Bays township will be hosting a meeting to determine interest in developing a Community Plan for the Dorset Area on Wednesday, March 3 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. at the Senior's Building on Highway 117. Pizza will be served and all are welcome.

World Day of Prayer takes place on Friday, March 5 at the Dorset Seniors Building on Hwy 117 starting with coffee and muffins at 9 a.m. The theme is Cameroon, a microcosm of Africa and all are welcome. Activities will wrap up at 11 a.m. For more information, call Sheila at 766-2407.

Birthday wishes for the week of Feb. 28 to March 6 go out to James Radley, Ted Morris, Aubrey Keown, Lorraine Cyopick and Bryn Davies. Have fun on your special day!

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

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LOGO(S) until March 12, Agnes Jamieson Gallery

The intent of this exhibition is to play upon these words: Logos and logo. Artists Lois Raw, Michael Bainbridge and Wayne Rose were invited to respond to the idea proposed in the curatorial thesis by Laurie Carmount.

MARCH BREAK CULTURE CLUB - Children breakaway from boredom!

MARCH 15 – 19, age 7+

REGISTRATION is now OPEN for workshops that have kids cut up and act out while learning about the arts, literature, heritage, and the environment. Registration forms at www.mindenculturalcentre.com or CALL 286-3763

Poetry Workshop with John Unrau and Pat Brown

March 20 1:30 pm R.D. Lawrence Place

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CALL FOR SUBMISSION - Canadian Landscape Juried Exhibition Agnes Jamieson Gallery

The exhibit will run from July 27–September 11, 2010.

Jurors: Laurie Carmount, curator Agnes Jamieson Gallery; Virginia Eichhorn, director/curator Tom Thomson Art Gallery; Rhona Wenger, curator Grimsby Art Gallery
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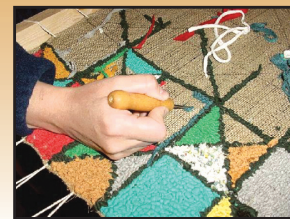
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RUG HOOKING AND WEAVING



Minden Agricultural Society is offering a

BEGINNERS WORKSHOP

Winter Break March 16, 17, 18 10am-3pm

**At the Royal Canadian Legion,
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Purpose: Learn the basics of RUG HOOKING and WEAVING and create an EXHIBIT to be presented for Judging at the HALIBURTON COUNTY FAIR in Minden August 19, 20, 21st, 2010.

AGES: Female & Male 8 to 80

Juniors will enter in the Junior Fair

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Admission: \$10 for the 3 days to cover cost of supplies and a donation to the Legion.

Bring a Lunch – snacks and refreshments provided.

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so register ASAP. Thanks!**

**Contact Ila Kellett 286-3905
& leave message**

Red Riding Hood visits Pavilion March 7

Razzamataz Kids Shows and The HHSS Redhawk's Theater Company are pleased to present *The Complete Adventures of Red Riding Hood* March 7 at 2 p.m. in the Northern Lights Pavilion.

For the first time the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Red Hawks' Theater Company will be creating and performing the entire production in conjunction with Razzamataz Kids Shows! This is a wonderful opportunity to see some of the amazing talent available in Haliburton County.

The Complete Adventures of Red Riding Hood explains what really happened when Red Riding Hood went for a walk in the woods.

On her way she encounters a wolf – and she helps out her new friends Hansel and Gretel, Snow White and Rapunzel. When Grandma is in danger, Red and her friends come to the rescue.

Razzamataz Kids Shows are proud to bring four unique and child-friendly theatre productions to Haliburton County every year. The shows are always lively and tend to encourage lots of audience participation whether they bring silly songs that stick in your head, a chance to try out a new musical instrument, a theatrical production or examples of other cultures. The only thing that stays the same is the opportunity for a great time and the probability of lots of singing, dancing, movement and laughter. Don't be afraid that your child won't sit still for the whole show. They aren't supposed to! The kids (big and little) are often dancing in their seats or singing in the aisles and the March presentation won't be any different.

For more information check out our website at www.razzamataz.ca.

To reserve tickets call Gesa Haase at 705-754-2586. Adults \$8; children two and up \$6; under two are free!

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Wednesday March 3rd, 2010



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Presents:

Dr. Mark Skinner & Ann MacLeod
Social Determinants of Health
Dominion Hotel, 113 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden

2:30 to 4:45 Afternoon Workshop

Social Determinants of Health in Haliburton – Future Research Directions

5 pm Dinner

Order directly from the wonderful Dominion Hotel menu.

7 pm Lecture

There is an emerging trend in the health sector that health is not just the absence of disease but is influenced by many other factors. These factors are known as the Social Determinants of Health, which include such things as social status, income, education, access to transportation etc. Mark and Ann will be speaking about health in rural areas and the unique challenges people face.

Please extend this invitation to interested individuals.

Please RSVP for each event separately:

Workshop-Dinner-Lecture

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WINTER FOLK CAMP

8:00 Evening Concerts

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Saturday March 6th, 2010 featuring:

Ian Tamblyn, Cindy Thompson, and Rodrigo Chavez

Sunday March 7th, 2010 featuring:

Eve Goldberg, Linda Morrison and Paul Mills

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Haliburton County Folk Society members \$15 / non-members \$20

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TICKETS FOR SALE

Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association

Wild Game Dinner

March 6, 2010

at Haliburton Legion

Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Auction table raffle table,

\$30 per person or \$50 per couple

Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

All proceeds to Conservation

Please call 705-457-9664



Coming Events



**Syrup & Pancake Barn in Gelert
Open March 6th until April 25th
Saturday & Sunday 9am - 4pm**

Early spring heralds the annual "sugaring off" in the sugar bushes of Haliburton County. It's a wonderful time to get the family out in the open air and sunshine to experience one of our county's most traditional family activities. Come and view the evaporation process through the glass wall of our restaurant while savouring freshly made maple syrup on pancakes, french toast, maple baked beans and our specially prepared farmer's sausages. A wide variety of maple products (also jams, jellies, mustards, BBQ sauces, and fresh canned produce) are available in our retail area. Cheque or cash only. Join us at 2 p.m. Every Saturday and Sunday for taffy-on-snow at Sourdough Sam's Cabin. Easter weekend (Fri. Sat. Sun. Mon.) Easter egg hunt in the sugarbush all day.

**Call 286-3202
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Stanhope Soccer League Registration

**Tuesday, March 16, 2010 from 7:00 to 9:00pm
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Saturday, March 27, 2010 from 1:00 to 3:00pm**

**Boys and Girls
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Buckhorn Snowmobile Club Pancake Breakfast

Join us at the
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March 6, 2010
9am - 11am**
(rain or shine)



**Snowmobile Rides & Games to Follow
(weather permitting)**

community calendar

What's happening in the County

Post your event for free on the web. Go to: www.mindentimes.ca or

to the  Haliburton Highlands Community Calendar link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca

• March 2: The Minden & District Horticultural Society – Our meeting will take place at the Community Centre at 1 pm. Speaker is Linda Friend from Rural Roots. Memberships \$9 each or couples \$16. For more information call Linda 286-2261. All Welcome.

• March 2: GriefShare Support Group – Join us for from 7:30 – 9:00 pm at Lakeside Baptist Church, Park St, Haliburton. No cost to attend.

• March 5: World Day of Prayer – Written by the women of Cameroon, Haliburton United Church at 7:00 pm. Everyone welcome, refreshments.

• March 7: Razzamataz Kids Shows and The HHSS Redhawk's Theater Company are pleased to present "The Complete Adventures of Red Riding Hood" at 2pm in the Northern Lights Pavillion - For the first time the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Redhawk's Theater Company will be creating and performing the entire production in conjunction with Razzamataz Kids Shows! This is a wonderful opportunity to see some of the amazing talent available in Haliburton County. The Complete Adventures of Red Riding Hood explains what really happened when Red Riding Hood went for a walk in the woods! On her way she encounters a wolf – and she helps out her new friends Hansel and Gretel, Snow White and Rapunzel. When Grandma is in danger, Red and her friends come to the rescue! For more information check out our website at www.razzamataz.ca To reserve tickets call Gesa Haase at 705-754-2586 Adults \$8; Children 2 and up \$6; Under 2 are free!

• March 8: Climbing Club – Come and try our Drop-In Indoor Rock Climbing Monday evenings at Camp Medeba in West Guilford. Families 6:30 – 8:00 pm, children and parents climb together. Youth and Adults 8:00 – 9:00 pm. \$2 per person. Everyone welcome. Children 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Parental permission required for youth under 18. Sponsored by Point In Time. For more information call Donna at Point in Time 457-5345 ext 314 or email donnaa@pointintime.ca

• March 9: GriefShare Support Group – Join us for from 7:30 – 9:00 pm at Lakeside Baptist Church, Park St, Haliburton. No cost to attend.

• March 12: The Highlands Community Pregnancy Care Centre will be sponsoring a showing of Sarah's Choice – at Lakeside Baptist Church at 7 pm. \$5.00 per person or \$15 per family. For more information call 457-4673. See the trailer at www.PureFlix.com/sarah

FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR MARCH BREAK ART ACTIVITIES

Are you looking for children's activities during March break? Pottery, drawing, jewellery, supersonic storytelling, paper maché, and hula hoop building are a few of the activities offered by talented local instructors. To learn more about these creative, fun workshops contact the Cultural Centre in Minden, the Art Hive in Stanhope, and the Rail's End Gallery in Haliburton. Funding is available through Sissy's Love Connection, a fund established to recognize the contributions of Janice Crawford, a Haliburton County resident who died in Oct. 2008 from cancer. Applications are due Friday March 12. All families with a maximum annual income of \$45,000 are eligible for assistance. Call Sharon Harrison for details. 286 1940 or email dancingwildflower@sympatico.ca

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca, or faxed to The Minden Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.ca or brought in to the office.

Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.

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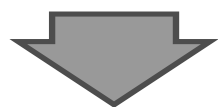
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To hear your voice, and see your smile,
To sit with you and chat awhile,
So if you who have a father,
Cherish him with care,
For you'll never know the heartache,
Til you see his vacant chair.

Missing him always
Perry, Diane and Caitlin

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In memoriam

COWEN, Alvin
In loving memory of my husband who passed away March 6, 2008.

*Beautiful memories are wonderful things,
They last until the longest day,
They never wear out,
And never get lost,
And can never be given away,
But to me who loved him and lost him,
My memories will always last.*
- Lovingly remembered by Marjorie

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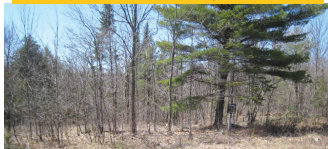
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Long Lake \$489,900



Spacious custom-built cottage with MF master with private balcony, twin lofts, open-concept LR and kitchen. 120' ftg. Good privacy, year round road.
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Downtown Minden Home \$279,000



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Sir Sam's Lot \$19,900



Pretty building lot for either a ranch bungalow or a walk out basement. Close to public beach on Eagle Lake and Sir Sam's Ski Resort.
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Family Starter Cottage \$239,000



A great way to start cottage life. 4 bdrm cottage on flat lot offers sandy beach at front deck. Nicely treed lot, clean, quiet smaller lake. Year round road allows for skiing and snowmobiling possibilities.
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Maple Lake \$529,000



Stunning custom 3 BR boasts gourmet kitchen, great room with gas fireplace, studio, screened room and so much more situated on a luscious 1.5 acre lot accessed from year round road.
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Kushog Lake \$739,000



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Moore Lake \$349,000



Wonderful 2+ bedroom home, full finished basement, attached garage, paved drive, central air, level lot 3 lake chain, big lake view.
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Excellent Rental Potential \$339,000



3 bedroom, one level home on 7 acres, frontage on Maple Lake with additional year round 2 bedroom rental home. Great opportunity. Private setting.
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Percy Lake \$589,000



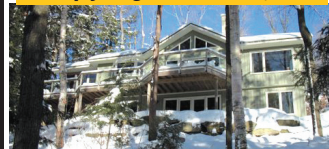
Large 4 season 5 BR cottage on level lot with reasonable privacy. Features new flooring, high efficiency FAO, central vac, propane fireplace and so much more...
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4.5 acre parcel of land fronting on a year round municipal road with hydro & phone at roadside.
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